

Minutes
Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO)
Executive/Finance Committee

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 7:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Jon Winkel, <i>Chair</i>	Mayor	Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Dan Moore, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Council Member	Sioux City, Iowa
Lance Hedquist, <i>Treasurer</i>	City Administrator	South Sioux City, Nebraska
Gary Bogenrief	Council Member	North Sioux City, South Dakota
Dan Bousquet	Council Member	South Sioux City, Nebraska
Kelly Kreber	Mayor	Hinton, Iowa
Mark Monson	P & Z Commissioner	Sergeant Bluff, Iowa
Bob Padmore	City Manager	Sioux City, Iowa

Staff and Guests Present:

Michelle Bostinelos	Executive Director	SIMPCO
Joshua Bush	Finance Director	SIMPCO
Erin Berzina	Regional Planning Director	SIMPCO
Curt Miller	Transit Dir./Facilities Mngr.	SIMPCO/SRTS
Brian Pearson	Transit Dir./Facilities Mngr.	SIMPCO/SRTS
Sharon Burton	Executive Assistant	SIMPCO

Jon Winkel called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. A quorum was in attendance.

The members of the SIMPCO Executive/Finance Committee are holding this session by electronic means pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Open Meetings Law, Section 21.8, Code of Iowa. The meeting is being held by conference/video call originating from the SIMPCO office at 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. It is open to the public in-person AND through conference/video call. Those in person or on the call can hear the proceedings. Public notice of the meeting has been issued in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.4.

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Chair Winkel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting agenda.

Dan Moore moved to approve the September 13, 2023 regular meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Lance Hedquist. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

a. August 9, 2023: Chair Winkel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes.

Lance Hedquist moved to approve the August 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Dan Moore. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

- 3. DIRECTOR REPORT:** Executive Director Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the report included in the meeting packet.

4. FINANCIAL UPDATE:

a. August 31, 2023 Financial Reports: Finance Director Joshua Bush provided an overview of the financial reports included in the meeting packet. Revenues for all SIMPCO Divisions total \$591,889 and expenditures \$255,201 for a balance of \$336,688 as of August 31, 2023.

Gary Bogenrief moved to recommend to the Board of Directors approval of the August 31, 2023 financial reports as presented, seconded by Lance Hedquist. Motion carried. [Unanimous]

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES CONTRACTS: Ms. Bostinelos provided an overview of the contracts presented for approval.

a. FCC Affordable Connectivity Program Grant Subcontract with Southeast Nebraska Economic Development District, \$31,198, August 22, 2023 – June 14, 2025

b. U.S. Department of Transportation to complete Safe Streets and Roads For All Safety Action Plans for the City of Sergeant Bluff and the City of Sioux City, Federal \$40,000, State (Iowa Safety Funds) \$10,000, Total \$50,000, August 28, 2023 – August 28, 2025

Dan Moore moved to recommend to the Board of Directors approval of contracts a. and b. as presented, seconded by Dan Bousquet. Motion carried. {Unanimous}

6. SIOUXLAND REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (SRTS) UPDATE: Ms. Bostinelos reported on some issues and concerns that have been brought forward to management.

Transit Director Brian Pearson provided an overview of a plan that has been put into place to help address problems and improve communication. Discussion followed.

7. BUILD GRANT UPDATE: Transit Director Curt Miller reported a walk-through inspection of the new building has been done and the contractor is finishing several punch list items. He noted employees will start moving on October 1 with the goal of having everything moved and cleaned out of the old building by October 15. An open house and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Friday, October 20, 2023.

8. OTHER COMMENTS: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:30 a.m. in-person at the new SIMPCO/SRTS facility, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa, with the Zoom option.

9. ADJOURNMENT: *Dan Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Monson. Motion carried. [Unanimous] Chair Winkel adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.*