

**IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
MEETING NOTICE**

**INRCOG BOARD ROOM  
229 EAST PARK AVENUE  
WATERLOO, IA**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024, 1:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**Actionable Items**

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Review and consider approval of the minutes for the December 21, 2023 meeting.
3. Review and consider approval of a resolution relating to the 2020 U.S. Census MPO/RTA Population Adjustment.

**Discussion Items**

1. House File 591 and final request for [Letter of Support](#).
2. Project updates (TA SA/TAP and STBG)
3. General discussion.
4. Adjournment.

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## MINUTES

Vice-Chair Hildebrandt called the meeting of the Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to order at 1:00 PM.

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Representing	Role
Duane Hildebrandt	Supervisor	Bremer County	Policy Board Member (Vice-Chair)
Clayton Ohrt	Supervisor	Buchanan County	Policy Board Member
Greg Barnett	Supervisor	Butler County	Policy Board Member (Chair)
Matthew Kuhn	Supervisor	Chickasaw County	Policy Board Member
Mark Schildroth	Supervisor	Grundy County	Policy Board Member
Joel Wikner	Councilmember	City of Denver	Policy Board Member
Brad Bleichner	Mayor	City of Independence	Policy Board Member
Brian Keierleber	County Engineer	Buchanan County	TTC Member
John Riherd	County Engineer	Butler County	TTC Member
Cathy Nicholas	County Engineer	Black Hawk County	TTC Member
Roman Lensing	County Engineer	Chickasaw County	TTC Member (Online)
Gary Mauer	County Engineer	Grundy County	TTC Member
Michael Schares	Mayor	City of Dunkerton	TTC Member
Matthew Schmitz	City Manager	City of Independence	TTC Member (Online)
Lois Buhr	City Clerk	City of Readlyn	Attendee
Aldina Dautović	Transportation Planner	INRCOG	RTA Staff (Secretary)
Kyle Durant	Transportation Planner	INRCOG	RTA Staff
Nick Fratzke	Director of Transportation	INRCOG	RTA Staff

The first item on the agenda was approval of the agenda. It was moved by Wikner, seconded by Bleichner to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was to review and consider approval of the minutes for the December 21, 2023 meeting. It was moved by Schildroth, seconded by Schares to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was to review and consider approval of a resolution relating to the 2020 U.S. Census MPO/RTA Population Adjustment. Durant said after each U.S. Census, MPOs and RPAs must agree upon the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary between the two to use for population which is used for calculating funding targets. Staff recommendation is to keep the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary as close as possible to the 2010 boundary. The boundary would shift 1,660 persons from the RTA to the MPO, resulting in a total population for the MPO and RTA of 121,271 and 94,101 respectively. The adjustment equates to approximately \$53,000 in STBG funding per year. There being no further discussion, it was moved by Hildebrandt, seconded by Schildroth to approve the resolution for the 2020 U.S. Census MPO/RTA Population Adjustment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was Discussion Items:

1. House File 591 and final request for [Letter of Support](#).
  - a. Fratzke said HF591 has passed out of the committee and onto the debate calendar. The group was asked to sign the letter in support of passenger rail efforts in Iowa.

## 2. Project Updates

### a. City and county project updates (TASA/TAP and STBG)

#### **Grundy County**

Mauer said the STBG project on D67 was awarded last August and is on schedule for a preconstruction meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> with construction anticipated in mid-May. Mauer also noted the County will be requesting to deobligate STBG funds from the project on T47 in FY 2025 and submitted a request T37. The funding amount would be the same.

#### **Chickasaw County**

Lensing said the V18 overlay project has been let.

#### **Buchanan County**

Keierleber said W35 is under design development.

#### **Black Hawk County**

Nicholas said bridgework on C57 over the Cedar Wapsi will begin on Monday. The site will be closed until August.

#### **Butler County**

Riherd said the county is working with bridge contractors to finish two federal aid projects. One bridge project in Greene has completed the substructure elements and will be under construction through the winter months. Another bridge project is under construction north of New Hartford. The county will also be applying for RAISE to replace seven bridges throughout Iowa.

In general discussion, the group discussed House Files 718, 2092, 2120 and Senate File 550. Durant said an RTA section has been added to the [Black Hawk County MPO website](#). Sections include an introduction to the RTA, a Boards and Committees page, Funding Opportunities, Meetings and Minutes, and Plans and Programs.

There being no further business, it was moved by Keierleber, seconded by Hildebrandt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aldina Dautović  
Secretary