

# IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025

## MINUTES

Chair Barnett 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)
Keith Wieland	Supervisor	Buchanan County	Policy Board Member
Greg Barnett	Supervisor	Butler County	Policy Board Member (Chair)
Scott Cerwinski*	Supervisor	Chickasaw County	Policy Board Member
Mark Schildroth	Supervisor	Grundy County	Policy Board Member
Joel Wikner	Councilmember	City of Denver	Policy Board Member
Michael Schares	Mayor	City of Dunkerton	Policy Board Member
Matthew Schmitz	City Manager	City of Independence	Policy Board Member
Jane Whittlesey	City Clerk	City of La Porte City	Policy Board Member
Steve Geerts	Mayor	City of New Hampton	Policy Board Member
James Bronner	City Administrator	City of Waverly	Policy Board Member
Landon Moore	County Engineer	Bremer County	TTC Member
Brian Keierleber	County Engineer	Buchanan County	TTC Member
Roman Lensing	County Engineer	Chickasaw County	TTC Member
Jeff Skalberg	County Engineer	Grundy County	TTC Member
Brian Bockhaus	Mayor	City of Sumner	Attendee
Mark Crawford*	Engineer	Crawford Engineering	Attendee
Krista Billhorn*	District Transportation Planner	Iowa DOT	Attendee
Travis Halm*	Metro-Regional Plan. Coordinator	Iowa DOT	Attendee
Kyle Durant	Transportation Planner II	INRCOG	RTA Staff (Secretary)
Nick Fratzke	Director of Transportation	INRCOG	RTA Staff
Oghogho Oriakhi	Transportation Planner I	INRCOG	RTA Staff

*\*Attended Online*

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

Next was to review and consider approval of the minutes for the February 20, 2025, meeting. It was moved by Hildebrandt, seconded by Schildroth to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was Discussion Items:

1. Review the draft FY 2026 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Durant said staff develop the TPWP document every year. The Plan outlines activities, budget, and hours associated with staff projects and tasks for the upcoming state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. At the beginning of the calendar year, staff meet to review all activities, plans, projects, and documents to be worked on. Project areas are generally kept broad to allow for various projects and flexibility throughout the year, but the document may be amended if necessary. Policy Board and TTC members should let staff know if they would like any specific projects included in the document by the end of April. The draft will be sent to the Iowa DOT for a review process, and the final document will be presented to the Policy Board for adoption in May.

Next was general discussion. Durant announced his resignation, with his last day set for Wednesday, March 26. He has accepted the Statewide Planning Coordinator position at the Iowa DOT. He expressed his appreciation to the group and his colleagues for their support, reflecting on the valuable experiences and successes shared over the years.

There being no further business, it was moved by Schares, seconded by Schildroth to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Durant  
Secretary