

**IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
POLICY BOARD**

THURSDAY, April 16, 2026

MINUTES

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

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Representing	Role
Ritch Kurtenbach	Supervisor	Black Hawk County	Policy Board Member
Duane Hildebrandt	Supervisor	Bremer County	Policy Board Member (Vice Chair)
Joel Wikner	Councilmember	City of Denver	Policy Board Member
Mark A. Schildroth	Supervisor	Grundy County	Policy Board Member
Steve Geerts	Mayor	City of New Hampton	Policy Board Member
Keith Wieland*	Supervisor	Buchanan County	Policy Board Member (Online)
Landon Moore	County Engineer	Bremer County	TTC Member
Jeff Skalberg	County Engineer	Grundy County	TTC Member
Michael Schares	Mayor	City of Dunkerton	TTC Member
Matthew Schmitz *	City Manager	City of Independence	TTC Member (Online)
Krista Billhorn*	District Planner Supervisor	IADOT	Attendee (Online)
Nick Fratzke	Director of Transportation	INRCOG	RTA Staff
Oghogho Oriakhi	Transportation Planner I	INRCOG	RTA Staff
Sanzida Rahman Setu*	Transportation Planner II	INRCOG	RTA Staff

*Online Attendees **

The meeting started with the approval of the agenda. Motion was made by Wikner, seconded by Kurtenbach to approve the agenda. Motion carries unanimously.

Next was to review and consider approval of the minutes for the March 19, 2026, meeting. Motion was moved by Schildroth, seconded by Wikner to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

1. Draft RTA FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP)

Fratzke presented the FY2027 Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) outlining key work elements including the TIP, public participation process, long-range and short-range transportation planning, and administration. Funding targets from the DOT were noted as subject to change with adjustments made based on anticipated priorities. The draft was submitted to the DOT by the April 1st deadline, with minimal feedback received and no significant revisions expected. Final approval is expected at the May policy board meeting. Board members are welcome to review the draft TPWP and provide any feedback.

1. Project updates (TASA/TAP and STBG).

- Black Hawk County received notice on FY25 CHBP grant will be awarded 64% of their budget. The federal aid bridge project on Winslow Road is in progress. Additionally, the five-year plan has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors, which includes an intersection project at University and Ridgeway, with funding anticipated next year.

- Bremer County also received CHBP funding. They are starting the replacement of culverts on the V21 project.
- Buchanan County started the W-45 project in April 2026. Additionally, the bridge replacement project over Wapsi River will be let next.
- Iowa DOT held a public meeting on the US 63 and C57 project, with comments open for two more weeks on two proposed design options. The commission is developing its five-year program with a draft expected in May 2026 and plans an October 2026 visit to Marquette. The Bremer County interchange project is on track for completion this fall.

2. General Discussion

Fratzke revisited the STBG and TASA programing and funding allocation.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Sincerely,
Sanzida Rahman Setu
RTA Staff