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**VILLAGE OF NEHAWKA MAPA ROUNDTABLE JULY 1, 2026**

Board of Trustee Chairman Chad Krueger invited and set up a roundtable presentation with the Metropolitan Area Planning Association (MAPA) for the Village of Nehawka residents and Board of Trustees to be informed about MAPA's support and opportunities that exist for our village and long-range projects/planning. The roundtable presentation was conducted by Grant Anderson on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Nehawka Community Building, 217 Sherman Avenue. A flyer announcing the roundtable presentation was posted in the following locations: Village office, 217 Sherman Ave; Nehawka Post Office, 418 Elm Street; and First State Bank, 412 Elm Street. Attendees: Board of Trustee – Chad Krueger, Tim Dineen, and Pat Neu. Nine village residents were in attendance.

Mr. Anderson distributed MAPA brochures entitled *Together We Thrive* to all participants. He gave an overview of the history of MAPA, office location, the six county areas – Cass, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington Counties in Nebraska, and Mills and Pottawattamie Counties in Iowa of which membership dues are paid by each county served along with federal and state support, led by 79-member Council of Officials and a 9-member Board of Directors. MAPA has no regulatory authority, and their primary objective is to promote and preserve the quality of life for a more vibrant community. MAPA focus is on issues of infrastructure, transportation, housing and natural resources and work with communities to identify opportunities and secure funding for projects. They view their objective as a service and courtesy to a community to help with grant writing or other development.

Village residents listed roads, water and sewer as primary projects. Mr. Anderson explained grant funding both private and governmental and their success rate. Noted the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and their 90%/10% funding. Was asked about not qualifying per above medium income and noted that village residents can be surveyed in order to get an accurate view of family size and income. If don't qualify or apply for grants, a USDA loan is an option at a 0% rate.

Noted that MAPA provides a grant writing session/class for any community members, and the village can write their own grants, and MAPA will review for completeness. The MAPA staff members are CDBG certified.

The roundtable discussion ended at approximately 7:50 p.m.

*Attest: Pat Neu, Acting Clerk/Treasurer*
*Village of Nehawka Board of Trustees*