

**Northern Plains Insurance Pool
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2023**

Members Present:

Agar-Blunt-Onida	Garretson	Oldham-Ramona-Rutland
Arlington	Harding County	Parker
Baltic	Howard	Redfield
Burke	Irene Wakonda	Southeast Area Cooperative
Castlewood	Lake Preston	Teachwell
Centerville	Lennox	Tri-Valley
Chester Area	Leola	Vermillion
Clark	Marion	Warner
Corsica-Stickney	Milbank	West Central
DeSmet	Montrose	White Lake
Deubrook	Mount Vernon	White River
Doland	Northeast Educational Services	Willow Lake
Elkton	Oahe Special Education	Wilmot

Members Not Present:

Big Stone City	Hamlin	Rutland
Bowdle	Henry	Summit
Colman-Egan	McIntosh	Tiospa Zina
Deuel	Platte-Geddes	Waverly South Shore
Florence	Rosholt	Webster Area

Others Present:

Sarah Delaney	Brice Christensen	Justin Overman
D'one Hanisch	Allison Nelson	Chelsie Jansen
Betsy Holman	April Buse	

Call to Order. Chairperson Angela Arlt called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Crossroads Hotel in Huron, SD.

Approve Agenda. Motion by Milbank and second by Lake Preston to approve agenda as presented. All present voting members in favor, motion carried.

NPIP General Information. Sarah Delaney discussed the history of NPIP and the aspects of it being 100% member school district owned.

March 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes Approval. Minutes from March 22, 2022 were reviewed. Motion by Baltic and second by De Smet to approve meeting minutes. All present voting

members in favor, motion carried.

Financial Report & Budget Approval. Brice Christensen and Sarah Delaney discussed the Pool's financials and reviewed the recommended budget from the executive board of directors for FY24. Motion by West Central and second by Warner to approve the FY 2024 Budget. All members voting in favor, motion carried

Self-Insured Vision Plan. Brice Christensen discussed moving the vision plan to self-insured for FY24.

Adoption of By-laws with Amendment. Sarah Delaney and Brice Christensen discussed the by-laws changes allowing new member schools to have a buy-in of \$0. Motion by Irene Wakonda and second by Milbank to adopt by-laws with the amendment. All members voting in favor, motion carried.

Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement. Sarah Delaney and Brice Christensen discussed changes to the Joint Powers Agreement approved by the Executive Board that would include the option for a self-insured vision plan. Motion by Lake Preston and second by Agar-Blunt-Onida to amend the Joint Powers Agreement. All members voting in favor, motion carried.

Executive Board Election. Executive Board terms are up this year for Angie Feenstra, Krista Stuessi and Dave Hutchison. Nominees for the Executive Board are Angie Feenstra, Corsica-Stickney Business Manager, Krista Stuessi, West Central Business Manager, Dave Hutchison, Irene Wakonda Superintendent and George Seiler, Redfield Superintendent. All voting members received a ballot in their renewal packets to vote for the three open positions comprising of one superintendent, one business manager and one seat at large. Members were asked to complete the ballots and were collected by Kristi Lewis, Mike Kroll and Nancy Meyer.

Experience Reporting. Brice Christensen and Sarah Delaney discussed the experience reporting provided to each district.

Health Insurance Renewal. Health Insurance Renewals were given to members in their annual meeting packets. Sarah Delaney discussed the renewal. Motion by Vermillion and second by Chester Area to approve the renewal formula. All members voting in favor, motion carried.

NPIP Growth. Brice Christensen discussed the favorable growth NPIP has been experiencing and provided members with the schools to date that will be moving to NPIP.

Benchmarking. Brice Christensen discussed the employee benefit benchmarks provided to each school.

Wellmark BCBS Information. Betsy Holman with Teledoc presented information to members regarding the Livongo Program. Allison Nelson with Wellmark Blue Cross and

Blue Shield of South Dakota shared information about Wellmark and the services they provide.

Ancillary Insurance and Value Add. Brice Christensen discussed ancillary insurance options including life and AD&D, vision, HSA/FSA, identity theft, short term disability, and dental.

Businessolver/BenefitSolver. Brice Christensen shared information regarding BenefitSolver.

Open Enrollment. Brice Christensen shared that open enrollment will be scheduled for May 1 – May 12.

School Benefit Review. Brice Christensen shared that MMA would be willing to work with any school to have a full school insurance benefit review and be able to make suggestions for changes that may make sense to the school.

Executive Board Election Results. Angela Arlt provided Executive Board Election Results with Angie Feenstra, Corsica-Stickney Business Manager, Krista Stuessi, West Central Business Manager and Dave Hutchison, Irene Wakonda Superintendent remaining on the Executive Board.

Executive Committee Election. Angela Arlt provided Executive Committee Recommendations from the Executive Board members with Angela Arlt as chairperson, Kristi Lewis as vice-chairperson, Nancy Meyer as treasurer, and Michael Kroll as secretary. Motion by Corsica Stickney and second by Burke to accept Executive Committee recommendations. All members voting in favor, motion carried.

MMA Updates and Resources. Justin Overman addressed the state of the business insurance market.

Adjourn. Motion made by Milbank and seconded by DeSmet to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m. All members voting in favor, motion carried.