

Northern Plains Insurance Pool

Minutes

January 15, 2016

Chairman Dean Christensen called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2016 at the Cherapa Place in Sioux Falls, SD.

Board Members Present: Dean Christensen, Kristi Lewis, David Hutchison, Sheila Beermann via phone conference, Susan Kurtz, and Wanda Kost.

Others Present: Merle Krull, Catrina Brown, Dan Guericke, Sarah Delaney, Jason Hubers, Lisa Carlson, Jimmy Schneider and Sue Thompson.

Chairman Christensen added the website update to the agenda. Motion was made by Kristi Lewis and seconded by David Hutchison to approve the agenda.

Motion was made by Wanda Kost and seconded by Kristi Lewis to approve the November 24, 2015 minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

Financial report was given by Dan Guericke of Mid-Central Educational Cooperative. Chairman Christensen asked the finance committee if anything needed be discussed and no discussion was held. Catrina Brown asked the board what financial reports the board would like to see and the decision was made to only have a balance sheet and list of bills at the board meeting. The finance committee will still receive all the other reports that are sent out monthly. Motion was made by Susan Kurtz and seconded by Kristi Lewis to approve the treasurer's report. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the webpage that Dean Christensen and Kristi Lewis have been working on information for. Kristi has asked for some help from the Sanford staff and also Merle Krull on what information should be put on the website. The board would like to have the website up and running by the annual meeting which is scheduled for March 24, 2016. Different items that will be on the website are a welcome page, who the board members are, information about the insurance sales specialist, the benefits of membership in the pool, list of entities in the pool, and how to contact the pool. Cards will be handed out at the annual meeting with the website address on them.

Discussion was held on the membership meeting that will be on January 20, 2016 in Huron, SD at the Crossroads Hotel and Event Center. The board is going to really stress to the membership that these changes need to be in effect on January 2017. Sanford will be bringing enough staff to break schools into 2 to three different groups. The groups will be split into the schools that will fall into a small group and the schools that will fall into a large group. Dan Guericke suggested having notes for every school to take back to help deliver the information back to the school boards. Every bit of information given at this meeting needs to be clear so that there are no questions when it becomes time to make the switch.

Next board meeting will be held February 2, 2016 in Pierre, SD at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel.

Motion was made by David Hutchinson and seconded by Wanda Kost to adjourn at 12:07 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.