

Northern Plains Insurance Pool
Minutes
March 15, 2016

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

Board Members Present: Wanda Kost, Sheila Beermann, Kristi Lewis, Dean Christensen, David Hutchison, Joel Jorgenson, Susan Kurtz, Angela Arlt, and Gary Leighton.

Others Present: Merle Krull, Catrina Brown, Lisa Carlson, Adam Craghead, Jim Wynstra, Jeff Sandene, and Jimmy Schneider.

The only item on the agenda was the rate renewal for the pool.

Jim with the Sanford Health Plan provided the board with the new rates for the 2016-2017 year. The new rate that he proposed was 9.9%. The board felt like the pool has a very valuable relationship with Sanford. The reason for the decrease in the rate increase was Sanford is going to absorb all the administrative fees for the pool. Sanford presented four different formulas to the pool. Angela Arlt made a motion to accept formula A, after many changes had been done. Wanda Kost seconded that motion. Roll call vote was held with all members voting aye.

Motion carried.

Sanford included a breakdown in the packets if each school had the richest plan of \$1500. That spreadsheet will be included in the packets that are given out for the annual meeting. This shows that if every school went to the lowest plan of \$1500 that the rates would have been down considerably.

The board was very thankful for this rate meeting and how Sanford handled all the documents that were presented at this meeting.

The board still has some hesitations on the vote that will take place at the annual meeting for the direction the pool will go in 2017. Sanford and Merle have visited around 15 schools to deliver information about self-funding. Schools need to keep in mind that just because we make the vote at the annual meeting does not mean that is the way each individual school and/or the pool will go.

Next board meeting will be held March 22, 2016 in Huron, SD at 6:00 p.m. at the Huron Event Center.

Motion was made by Sheila Beermann and seconded by Wanda Kost to adjourn at 12:13 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.