

Ainsworth, NE
August 11, 2009

Present: Jody Dexter, Helen Lopez, Jean Pinney, Rich Lackaff, Chet Wilkins, Sue Weston and Renee Adkisson. Also present were Dennis Radford and Jan Foster.

Absent: Elwin Walkling

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Weston at 7:00 p.m. Announcement of the open meetings act posting was given.

1. The minutes of the previous board meeting were approved on a motion by Jean Pinney and seconded by Helen Lopez. Roll call vote was unanimous.
2. The financial report for the month ending June 30, 2009 was presented with a balance of \$1,736,115.98. The financial report for July 31, 2009 was also presented with a balance of \$1,676,658.30. A motion to approve both financial reports was made by Helen Lopez with a second by Chet Wilkins. Roll call vote was unanimous.
3. Rich Lackaff made the motion to approve the bills and claims totaling \$551,899.95 for the months of June and July. Chet Wilkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
4. Mr. Radford distributed a Summary of Tax Legislation Passed by the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature in the 2009 session.
5. A comparison of rates for property, auto and liability insurance for 2009-10 from State Farm Insurance, Coleman Associates and Unico was presented. ESU 17 renewed the insurance with State Farm Insurance Company, which was the lowest bidder.
6. Mr. Radford updated the Board on the current building improvements being done at the Tech Center. A dividing wall is being constructed between the meeting room and the technology department for privacy purposes. Also, new ceiling tiles are being installed in that area. Discussion followed on the repair work that needs to be done at the Main Street office for damages caused when a vehicle ran through the front of the building.
7. Section 2 of the new board policies was discussed. Dennis will check out a few items of concern before the next board meeting.
8. The State Auditor's office will begin auditing one ESU per year beginning in 2009-10. The cost of the audit, which is the responsibility of the ESU, could run up to \$20,000. We hope to be informed in advance so that we may incorporate the cost into our budget for that year.

9. The budget for 2009-10 was presented and discussed.
10. A motion to approve Section 1 of the new board policies on final reading was made by Renee Adkisson and seconded by Jean Pinney. Roll call vote was unanimous.
11. No action was taken on Item VIII – B.
12. A motion was made by Renee Adkisson with a second by Jody Dexter to approve the hiring of Kip Schneider as Coop Director. Roll call vote was unanimous.
13. A motion to hire Augustine Fernandes for technology was made by Helen Lopez. Rich Lackaff seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
14. A motion to update signatures on record for the NE ESU Coop account at the First National Bank was made by Jean Pinney and seconded by Renee Adkisson. Roll call vote was unanimous.
15. Jody Dexter made a motion to approve the bid of \$5,413.20 from Applied Connective Technology for a new phone system to be installed at the Main Street office. The motion was seconded by Helen Lopez. Roll call vote was unanimous.
16. No action was taken on Item VIII – G.
17. Renee Adkisson made the motion to set the budget hearing for September 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
18. On a motion by Renee Adkisson and seconded by Jody Dexter the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Roll call vote was unanimous.