

Conference Board Minutes

Thursday, September 30, 2021 5:30 p.m.

Call to order

Quorum: Yes – All three Units had representation

Schools:

Present: CAM CSD (Julie Williamson) Griswold CSD (Don Smith) Atlantic CSD was absent

Mayors:

Present: Anita (John Knutson), Atlantic (David Jones), Cumberland (Virginia Coughlin), Griswold (Brad Rhine), Marne (Randy Baxter) and Massena (Phil Przychodzin) Wiota and Lewis were absent

Board of Supervisors:

Present: Steve Baier, Steve Green via Zoom, John Hartkopf, Mark O'Brien, and Bernard Pettinger

Motion to approve Agenda by Phil Przychodzin Seconded by Mark O'Brien. Carried unanimously

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cass County Courthouse, with the following corrections. Hansen did not vote "no" to the Assessors Office restructure, he voted "yes" and Baxter did vote "no". The motion to adjourn was seconded by Hansen, not O'Brien, was made by Baxter, Seconded by Smith. Carried unanimously

Old Business:

Because Mary Anstey was appointed to fill a vacancy for the period ending December 31, 2021 she needed to have tested CE credits in order to be reappointed January 1, 2022. She has fulfilled that requirement and it has been approved by the Department of Revenue. Hartkopf moved to reappoint Mary for a 6 year term beginning January 1, 2022, Seconded by Coughlin. Carried unanimously

New Business: Health Insurance Coverage of former employees

It was proposed that because of the restructuring of the Assessor office that the County pay the cost of both employee's health insurance for the rest of 2021. Currently their coverage will end on October 31, 2021. Przychodzin voiced his opposition to this, stating that he did not think "that can of worms should not be opened", also they are both eligible for COBRA and can take advantage of that option. Jones and Green voiced support of paying for their insurance for the rest of 2021. Pettinger read out of the handbook stating that insurance coverage ended the last day of the month following their termination. Green state that the Assessors office did not abide by the County Handbook. Baier stated that if the County were to pay for the insurance there would be a separation agreement making it clear that there would be no further claims against the Schools, Cities or County. Green made the motion to pay for the two former employee's health insurance for the remainder of 2021. Seconded by Baxter. A roll call vote was taken. There were 2 No votes, Przychodzin and Pettinger. There rest were all Ayes. The motion carried 3-0

The next Conference Board meeting will be held Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Board, Jones moved to adjourn, seconded by Hartkopf. Carried unanimously.

Submitted by: _____

Approved by: _____

