

Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### Joint Powers Board Members Present:

Brent Olson, Big Stone County  
David Lieser, Chippewa County  
Shane Schmidt, Douglas County **zoom - vote**  
Steve Gardner, Kandiyohi County  
Todd Patzer, Lac qui Parle County (zoom – no vote)  
Mic VanDeVere, Lincoln County  
Rick Anderson, Lyon County  
Nathan Schmalz, McLeod County  
Beth Oberg, Meeker County **zoom - vote** – arrived at 9:55  
Jackie Meier, Murray County  
Dave Hamre, Renville County (alternate)  
Jim Salfer, Redwood County  
Lyle Grochow, Sibley County  
Bob Kopitzke, Stevens County  
Peter Peterson, Swift County  
Jerrel Olson, Traverse County (zoom – no vote)  
John Berends, Yellow Medicine Coun

**Staff Present:** Lacey Severson, Katie Jensen, Kristin Deacon, Jody Ammerman, Berit Spors (zoom), Betsy Hills (zoom), Hillary Spray (zoom)

Commissioner Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

### Consent Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Kopitzke to approve the agenda as written, to approve the minutes as written, and to authorize the payment of bills; seconded by Commisioner Schmalz. Motion carried.

### Joint Powers Board:

- Financial Report – Motion by Commissioner VanDeVere to approve the financial report, seconded by Commissioner Salfer. Motion carried.
- Prosch provided the current Cash Balance to the board of \$2,013,751.86.
- Prosch provided updates on the two funding opportunities applied for earlier this year. The Minnesota Department of Health released Expansion funding to current Strong Foundation awardees and SHNFP was awarded. MDH family home visiting will increase the cost per family for all Strong Foundations grantees from \$7,000 to \$7,500 effective Jan. 1, 2025. This funding change will allow an approximate additional \$200,000 in the SHNFP budget for 2025, 2026 and 2027 from grant funding. SHNP also received notification from Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation Healthy Start funding opportunity that we were not selected for this round of funding.
- Prosch notified the board that information for our 2023 financial audit will be available during our next JPB meeting in November, as SHNFP hasn't received results for the audit \ due to a new firm completing the audit at Renville County and with SHNFP.
- Prosch provided an update about insurance rates for SHNFP as we are in a year for renewal with MN PEIP. Prosch anticipates premium information will be available in the next month. Motion by

Commissioner Olson to approve SHNFP Finance Committee making the decision on insurance during the next Finance Committee meeting and allowing Prosch to share information with staff prior to our next JPB meeting in November. The board will make the final approval of insurance on November 4th. Second by Commissioner Schmidt. Motion carried.

- Commissioner Olson shared with the board information about the Bush Fellowship Program offered by the Bush Foundation and encourage any interested parties to explore this opportunity.

**Management Team Report:**

- Prosch gave her Executive Director Report.
- Prosch provided updates on the new hired staff and current vacancy.
- Supervisors Jensen and Severson provided an update of the current caseload.

**Other Issues to come before the Board:**

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., Lower Level of Renville County Government Services Building, 105 S 5th Str., Olivia, MN 56277

Respectfully submitted by: Nikki Prosch, SHNFP Executive Director on behalf of SHNFP secretary, Renville County Commissioner Greg Snow.