

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**January 8, 2013**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

**Present:** Joy Bock, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Tom Luxford. **Absent:** Nancy Kirkholm, Rhonda Heise, Rich Higgins and Steve Grube

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary maintains a list of news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Directors, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Audience: ESU #1 2012 Employee of the Year Chris Good

Call Meeting to Order.

A. Notification of Open Meetings Law

At the beginning of this meeting, the Chairman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available at the meeting site.

B. Board Member Roll Call. Recording secretary completed roll call of board members. Motion by Garwood, second by Wenstrand, to excuse the absence of members: Nancy Kirkholm, Rhonda Heise, Rich Higgins and Steve Grube. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Wenstrand, to approve the January 8, 2013, Agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

D. Reorganization of the Board. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, that the terms for the current board officers and position assignments are extended for 2013. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

**Board Officers:**

<b>Chairman</b> .....	Dave Dowling
<b>Vice-Chairman</b> .....	Fred Boelter
<b>Secretary</b> .....	Ronald Wenstrand

Board members completed the Oath of Office and signed the Code of Ethics as presented at the meeting. A copy will be retained.

**Position Assignments:**

<b>Ex-Officio Treasurer:</b> .....	Stuart Clark
<b>Recording Secretary:</b> .....	Lisa Salmon
<b>Attorney of Record:</b> .....	Rex Schultze
<b>Primary Depository:</b> .....	Iowa-Nebraska State Bank

- E. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Reinert, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (December 11, 2012 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer’s Report, January Bills of \$557,779.78, and Administrator’s Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

A listing of additional January bills that require payment and estimated at \$15,908 will be presented at the February meeting. The bills did not meet the processing cut-off date due to the holiday and early Board meeting date.

- F. Public Comment. None

- G. Appoint Standing Committee. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to approve the Standing Committees as presented.

Standing Committees:       **Insurance:** ..... Wenstrand, Grube & Heise  
                                       **Board Policy:** ..... Reinert, Dowling & Luxford  
                                       **Negotiations:**..... Boelter, Kirkholm & Dowling  
                                       **Building & Ground:** ..... Higgins, Garwood & Wenstrand  
                                       **Legislative:**..... Garwood, Reinert & Heise  
                                       **Mutual Concerns:** ..... Bock, Grube & Higgins  
                                       \*Chairman Dowling is Ex-Officio Member of all Committees

After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

- H. Position Appointments. Action on Position Appointments was handled in conjunction with Agenda Item D.

- I. Designate Newspaper of Record. Motion by Boelter, second by Reinert, to name the newspapers listed below as the 2013 ESU #1 Newspapers of Record.

*Wayne Herald, Cedar County News, Dakota County Star, Nebraska Journal Leader, Pender Times, Bloomfield Monitor and the Wakefield Republican.*

After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

- J. Government Relations Network Representative. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to name Rodney Garwood as the ESU #1 Legislative Relations Network representative for 2013. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

- K. Equipment Upgrade Conference Rooms. Motion by Garwood, second by Luxford, to approve the equipment upgrade for Conference Room A & B by accepting the bid from Pratt Audio-Visual at an estimated cost of \$32,500. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

- L. Audit Report. Motion by Dowling, second by Garwood, to accept the 2011-12 Audit Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

- M. Special Education Update. Special Education Director Stuart Clark updated the Board on programs and staffing changes that are taking place within ESU #1.
- N. Health Insurance. Administrator Uhing updated the Board on some of changes taking place due to the Health Care Reform Act and its impact on ESU #1 negotiations. Future action may be necessary to comply with the Act and changes in the Blue Cross & Blue Shield plan for 2013-14. This item will appear on the February Agenda for updates and/or action.
- O. ESU #1 & #8 Joint Advisory Council Meeting. Administrator Uhing summarized the agenda and discussion that took place at the joint meeting held on December 13, in Norfolk.
- P. Administrator's Evaluation. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Garwood, to extend Administrator Uhing's contract by one year, with salary and benefits approved as recommended by the Board. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

- Q. Personnel.  
Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to hire Scott McIntosh as a Communication/Technology Specialist, effective January 1, 2013. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

- R. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Stuart Clark, Recording Secretary Pro Tem

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, February 12, 2013 @ 5:30 p.m. (Central Office)**