

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
207 N. Main St. – Ainsworth, NE 69210
April 9, 2024

Present: Jody Dexter (Zoom), Jan Knispel, Mark Ormesher, Gerry Carr, Lisa Chohon, Roxie Lindquist, Jean Pinney, Geraldine Erickson, and Marit Kaiser

Absent: Bruce Ferguson

President Mark Ormesher called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The posting of the Open Meetings Act was acknowledged. The meeting notice was published on the ESU 17 website and on the front doors of ESU 17, Ainsworth Community Schools, Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools, Keya Paha County Schools, Rock County Public Schools, Valentine Community Schools and published in the Ainsworth Star Journal, Rock County Leader, Springview Herald, and Valentine Midland News.

1. Jan Knispel made a motion with a second from Gerry Carr to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Bruce Ferguson.
2. Jody Dexter made a motion with a second from Lisa Chohon to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024, meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Bruce Ferguson.
3. Lisa Chohon made a motion with a second from Jean Pinney to approve the March 31, 2024, financial report with an ending balance of \$1,990,056.59. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Bruce Ferguson. Abstained: Jody Dexter.
4. The listing of bills and claims was reviewed. Lisa Chohon made a motion with a second from Gerry Carr to approve payment of claims totaling \$432,469.75. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Bruce Ferguson.
5. Geraldine led a brief discussion regarding the administrative report. Bryan Doke (Rangeland Rehab) is going to rent space at the training center for during the downtown construction and is still interested in buying the building dependent on the decision of the board. Contractors have been contacted to assess the cost of updating the basement of the administration building into usable office space. The roles of the new employees were discussed. Discussion on the next board meeting date occurred. The master service agreement vote will be moved to the next board meeting.
6. The building committee was notified that Bryan Doke was going to be renting space at the training center. They agreed that this arrangement was suitable.
7. A motion was made by Lisa Chohon with a second from Jean Pinney to approve the hire of Larianne Polk, ESUCC CEO. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Bruce Ferguson.
8. Lisa Chohon made a motion to approve the hire of William Schroeder, ESUCC Canvas, with a second from Gerry Carr. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Bruce Ferguson.

9. Gerry Carr made a motion to approve the hire of Gene French, ESU 17, with a second from Jan Knispel. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Bruce Ferguson.
10. A motion was made by Jan Knispel with a second from Roxie Lindquist to raise the restricted funds portion of the general fund budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year by the allowable rate of 1%. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Bruce Ferguson
11. Jean Pinney made a motion to approve May 13th at 5:00pm as the date and time of the next board meeting. Lisa Chohon seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Bruce Ferguson.
12. Jean Pinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Secretary