

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Laven called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. at RNDC.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrea Boettger, Jim Branstad, Marie Dranttel, Lyle Femrite, Mike Laven, Christian Lilienthal, Tom Loveall, Steve Rohlfing, Phil Schafer, Rob Wilkening

OTHERS PRESENT: Ky Battern, Nicole Griensewic, Sarah Janovsky

There was a quorum.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Wilkening moved to approve the consent agenda. Femrite seconded. Motion carried.

IV. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Finance Director Battern reported that the auditors were at RNDC last week and have nearly completed this year's audit process.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

Pam Rodewald, who previously served as the Small Cities Representative for Nicollet County, will rejoin the commission in the same role once approved at the commission meeting.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nicole reviewed the agenda for the Aachen, Germany Delegation's visit on September 19, 2024.

Dan Feehan from Playbook Strategies LLC provided an overview of the strategic planning process as it relates to both RNDC and the commissioners. The commissioners will be sent an electronic survey and are welcomed to schedule on-on one sessions with the consulting agency if commissioners are interested. Staff will also be sent the survey for their input on the plan. Playbook Strategies will then develop the plan, based on this input.

The Mankato Area Foundation, (MAF) reached out to RNDC regarding a potential partnership, as a donor is interested in supporting regional efforts to combat food insecurity. This initiative could align closely with Sabri's work on local foods and food recovery. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

Kristian presented the county profiles and dashboard project he has been developing, which will serve as a valuable tool for cities and counties when applying for grants and other projects.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioners shared updates from their communities.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Lilienthal moved to adjourn. Boettger seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Mike Laven, Chair

Jim Branstad, Secretary