

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Laven called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. at South Central Service Cooperative.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lee Baarts, Sarah Berry, Andrea Boettger, Dave Borchert, Jim Branstad, Steve Cooling, Chris Dalton, Marie Dranttel, Lyle Femrite, Elroy Glidden, Robert Goblirsch, Paul Harris, Dawn Kratzke, Katelynn Kratz, Brad Krause, Mike Laven, Christian Lilienthal, Mary Milbrath, Bob Nielsen, Lisa Norton, Shanon Nowell, Patty O'Connor, Ayan Omar, Matt Peterson, Mike Pfeil, Rita Rassbach, Gary Richter, Steve Rohlfig, Phil Schafer, Scott Schlueter, Julie Tesch, Rob Wilkening

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Elliot Belgard, Stephanie Hilpipre, Tom Loveall, Steve Rohlfig

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicole Griensewic, Ky Battern, Sarah Janovsky, Kristian Braekkan, Mercedes Sempè, Alejandra Bejarano, Nate George, Joel Hanif, Sabri Fair, Samuel Sharp, Mireille Ghassan

There was a quorum.

IV. ACCEPTING NOMINATION OF LEE BAARTS, CITY OF FAIRMONT

Nowell moved to approve Lee Baarts as Commissioner for the City of Fairmont. Omar seconded. Motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

A revision was made to the agenda to include the addition of item IV. Accepting Nomination of Lee Baarts, City of Fairmont.

Norton moved to approve the revised agenda. Schlueter seconded. Motion carried.

VI. PLAN RECAP: FARIBAULT & SIBLEY COUNTIES

Mercedes, Kristian, and Saga provided an analysis, highlighting how the plans for each county maintained a cohesive structure while being tailored to the unique objectives and priorities of their respective communities.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Commissioners- Julie Tesch (Waseca County Townships), Rita Rassbach (Regional School Boards), Brad Krause (Waseca County)

B. Commissioner Per Diem Increase from \$40 to \$50 to go into effect July 1, 2024

Nowell moved to approve the per diem increase to \$50 beginning July 1, 2024. Schafer seconded. Motion carried.

C. Chair Term

Chair of the Budget & Personnel Committee, Lyle Femrite, noted the committee met on May 25th and approved the nomination of Mike Laven and Lisa Norton as Full Commission Board Chair. Femrite went on to ask the Full Commission if there were any other nominations for Full Commission Board Chair. No other nominations were made.

Dalton moved to close nominations for the Commission Chair. Tesch seconded. Motion carried.

Norton moved to approve Mike Laven as Commission Board Chair. Schlueter seconded. Motion carried.

D. Slate of Officers: Boettger-Vice Chair, Dranttel-Treasurer, Branstad-Secretary

Nowell moved to approve the slate of officers for FY25. Borchert seconded. Motion carried.

E. Resolution 2024 – 02 - Proposed FY25 Meeting Dates

Dalton motioned to approve the meeting dates for FY25. Milbrath seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nicole provided updates on the organizational chart, which was originally shared with the Commission in April, to reflect the current staffing changes she is aware of. Jessica Beyer has joined RNDC as a consultant for RNDC, facilitating County Leadership and Flooding Recovery efforts. Mayor Lee Baarts has taken on the role of Fairmont Representative on the RNDC Commission, while the commission seats for Faribault County Cities and Faribault County Townships remain vacant. Nicole recently attended the NADO Summer Board Meeting. The McKnight Foundation has allocated \$1.5 million in funding to six regions, including Region Nine, providing significant support for local initiatives. Last night, the City Council adopted the Comfrey Plan, and Comfrey remains in the running for the Blandin Foundation Grant in its pursuit of becoming a Carbon-Free City. Nicole also proposed that housing be the focus of the October Commission Meeting, an idea that was well-received by the commission. Additionally, the American Scandinavian Association has been nominated for a NADO Impact Award.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING OF FY25 BUDGET

A. Call for Opening Public Hearing

Schafer motioned to open the public hearing. Norton seconded. Motion carried.

B. Approval of FY25 Operating Budget

Wilkening motioned to approve the FY25 Operating Budget. Dalton seconded. Motion carried.

C. Approval of FY25 Preliminary Levy

Omar motioned to approve the FY25 Levy. Dalton seconded. Motion carried. Schafer Opposed.

D. Call for Close Public Hearing

Nowell motioned to close the public hearing. Norton seconded. Motion carried.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioners shared updates from their communities.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Norton moved to adjourn. Schafer seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.