



MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING Crookston, MN – May 2, 2025

Board Members Present: In Person: Jason Carlson, Drew Kjono, Kristi Nelson, Fran Tougas. Via Zoom: Jim Guetter, Karla Langaas, Jordan Spaeth, Shawn Yates. **Board Members Absent:** Aaron Cook, Brittney Bimler, Maureen Hams, Kayla Jore, Sarah Kjono, Tom Loberg, Chris Mills, Shauna Reitmeier.

Others Present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae

The meeting was called to order by Jason Carlson. Since there were less than 9 members attending, there was not a quorum. Approval of minutes and financials was tabled to the next meeting.

Dues Update: Auchenpaugh said three are still outstanding and she will send reminders.

Follow-Up to Northwest Minnesota Foundation presentation: We should keep in mind other folks and organizations we should bring to the group.

BJA STOP School Violence grant: Auchenpaugh reported that Responsive Classroom in-person workshop training has been scheduled for Badger, East Grand Forks, Roseau, Tri-County Central and Warroad school districts. Staff from Marshall County Central and Red Lake County Central are scheduled for online training due to their fewer numbers. She expects the dollars spent should come close to the budgeted amount.

Recap of Meeting with Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach: Reitmeier, Kjono, Carlson, Cook, C. Kjono, Catherine Johnson and Auchenpaugh attended. Each related concerns with regard to their constituents and felt that some of these concerns resonated with her. We were also able to get the wheels turning for our partnership being one contact with experts representing over 50 different groups. Carlson suggested we find ways to stay in contact with Cory Becker, her deputy district director.
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Other: Langaas and Nelson raised concerns about State cuts to social services that will make county taxes unsustainable.

The Head Start regional office in Chicago has closed, but Tri-Valley Opportunity Council did receive their grants funded at 50%, which is not uncommon. They should have Head Start funds through early next spring.

Recognition of Retirements and Resignations: Jeff Bisek and Jim Guetter are retiring as of June 30, 2025 and Jason Carlson is resigning from Tri-Valley Opportunity Council to accept the position of Executive Director for the Northwest Service Cooperative. We will honor them for their service on the Governing Board at a luncheon at Auchenpaugh's country schoolhouse at 11:30 am on Friday, June 13.

Next Meeting: June 13, 11:30am, Faye's Schoolhouse

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator