

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – MINUTES
NORTH IOWA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Bennigan's/ZOOM Meeting
2023 7th Ave. N, Clear Lake, Iowa
September 11, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Secretary Jim Wherry. Secretary Wherry took the roll call as follows, then announced that a quorum (more than 10 members) was present.
 - Present (20 members + 2 staff): Casey Callanan, David Vikturek, Mark Kuhn, Sharon Enabnit, J.R. Ackley, Gary McVicker, Mark Johansen, Roy Arends, Damon Quandt Gary Gelner, Roger Tjarks, Harley Kohlhaas, Maureen Elbert, Jim Wherry, Tracy Scharper, Susan Smith, Marcia Tweeten, Cassie Johnson, Scott Heagel, Merlin Bartz, Executive Director Myrtle Nelson, and Senior Planner John Robbins.
 - Absent: Mike Jensen, Sis Greiman, Darla Olson, and AJ Stone.
2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes:
 - a. Agenda: Bartz made a motion to approve the agenda. Tweeten seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
 - b. Minutes: Tjarks made a motion to approve the May 8, 2023 minutes. Enabnit seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. April, May, June, July 2023: Treasurer Vikturek reviewed the 'Statement of Net Assets' and the 'Statement of Revenue and Expense' for April, May, June and July of 2023. Heagel noted the need to correct the year on the April report, Ackley made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Elbert seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
 - b. FY 2024 Budget Discussion – Nelson presented the attached presentation on the FY 2024 Budget and took questions from the floor.
4. Communications and Reports
 - a. NoRISC Safety Training: Nelson reported that the NoRISC safety training has resumed and over 75 people were enrolled including employees from: the Clear Lake Sanitary District, Hancock County, Winnebago County, city of Britt, city of Northwood, City of Wesley, and NIACOG. She also noted that next year and years thereafter the trainings will be held in the spring. New participants expected in the Spring include Nora Springs, Franklin County, and Cerro County. The fee is \$105 per employee and includes OSHA required inspection.
 - b. NIACOG 50th Anniversary Celebration: Nelson shared that the 50th Anniversary event was attended by between 175 and 200 people. Nelson noted that people, who were present during the presentation, said that they had no idea that

NIACOG performed so many important functions.

5. New Business:
 - a. Annual Meeting Presentation: Nelson presented the attached PowerPoint and fielded questions from the board.

6. Old Business
 - a. None

7. Other items from the board?: None

8. Next Meeting Date and Location: Wherry noted that the next NIACOG Board meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2023 at 7 p.m. at Bennigan's with a Zoom option available.

9. Adjournment: Bartz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Arends seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Myrtle Nelson, AICP
Recording Secretary