

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE CORNBELT EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

A meeting of the Board of Directors for the Cornbelt Educational Cooperative was held in person and via teleconference (Zoom) at the Cornbelt Cooperative office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 9:45 A.M. The following members were present: Bridgewater-Emery – Hofer (Zoom) & Bailey (Zoom); Canistota – Fischer (Zoom); Ethan – Vogel (Zoom) & Hawkins (Zoom); Hanson – Oltmanns (Zoom); McCook Central – Stiefvater & Alley; Montrose – McAreavey & L. Johnson and Parker – Fosheim (Zoom) & J. Johnson (Zoom). Also in attendance were Dean Kueter, Director; Pamela Selken, Business Manager and Randy Schoenfish, CPA (left at 10:04). Absent: Canistota – Jacobsen; Freeman – Andersen & Tietje; Hanson – McManus and Marion – Schmidt & Brosnahan.

At 9:46 A.M. President McAreavey called the meeting to order, had the roll called, and determined a quorum was established for conducting business.

Action # 26-34 - Agenda - Stiefvater moved seconded by Hofer to approve the December 9, 2025 Agenda as presented. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Randy Schoenfish presented an overview of the draft FY 2025 Audit Report for the Board.

President McAreavey asked for any possible conflict of interest disclosures. There were none presented.

President McAreavey asked for any persons wishing to address the Cooperative Board. None were present.

Action # 26-35 - Minutes - Stiefvater moved seconded by Vogel to approve the Minutes from the November 19, 2025 Advisory Board meeting as presented. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 26-36 - Financial Reports – Hofer moved seconded by Fosheim to approve the following monthly Financial Reports as presented:

November 2025: General Fund Beginning Balance: \$7,906.66; **Closing Balance:** \$7,906.66. **SPED Fund Beginning Balance:** \$815,203.92; **Revenue - Interest:** \$206.42; **Local Shared Assessment:** \$26,652.00; **Other:** \$16.72; **IDEA 611:** \$71,207.00; **IDEA 619:** \$3,678.00; **Expenditures:** \$142,679.66; **Closing Balance:** \$774,284.40. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 26-37 - Monthly Claims - Vogel moved seconded by Fosheim to approve the following Monthly Claims as presented:

December 2025 Claims: IMPREST Fund: EASY TIME CLOCK, INC....NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...111.00; MOSYLE CORPORATION...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...165.00. **SPED Fund:** AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES...102.61; CEDAR SHORE...TRAVEL...131.35; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS...REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES IDEA...91.16; CLEVELAND...TRAVEL IDEA 611...254.80; FIRST INTERSTATE BANK FIDUCIARY FUND...OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES...176.00; HEALY...TRAVEL IDEA 611...36.40; JOHNSTON...TRAVEL IDEA 611...74.20; KOCER...TRAVEL IDEA 611...487.20; KUETER...COMMUNICATION ...72.82; KUETER...TRAVEL...65.80; LAIBLE...TRAVEL IDEA 611...239.40; MILLER...TRAVEL IDEA 611...129.50; NEUGEBAUER...TRAVEL IDEA 611...567.00; PETERSON...TRAVEL IDEA 611...618.10; PIONEER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT...RENTALS...1,385.04; RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER...TRAVEL...121.00; RANDALL...TRAVEL IDEA 611...46.20; TWO MEN AND A TRUCK...OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES...2,615.00; WAGeworks...OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES...15.80; WIEBERS...TRAVEL IDEA 611...641.90; WOLTZEN...TRAVEL ...354.20; ZULK...TRAVEL IDEA 611...189.00. **Total Claims December 2025 \$8,590.48; November 2025 Payroll \$103,439.83; Benefits \$28,913.42; Grand Total Expenditures \$140,943.73. ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 26-38 - Approve the FY25 Audit Report – Tabled until March 2026 board meeting. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 26-39 - Approve the amended background check policy - Stiefvater moved seconded by Hofer to approve the amended background check policy. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 26-40 - Approve capitalization policy - Vogel moved seconded by Fosheim to approve the capitalization policy. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 26-41 – Appoint Board's Negotiations Team – President McAreavey appointed Vogel, Oltmanns and Alley to the Board's Negotiations Team with Fosheim as the alternate board member.

Action # 26-42 - Approve re-employment of Cooperative Director - Stiefvater moved seconded by Hofer to re-employ Mr. Kueter and offer him a two-year contract with his current contract provisions for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school terms, with salary to be negotiated. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Mr. Kueter discussed the following items with the Board: a) December 1st Child Count; b) Governor's FY27 Budget Address; c) Medicaid billing update; d) Director's concerns; e) Superintendent's concerns; f) Board member's concerns.

Action # 26-43 - Adjournment - At 10:35 A.M. Stiefvater moved seconded by Hofer to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting with the next Advisory Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 9:45 A.M., at the Cornbelt Cooperative office in Sioux Falls, SD. **ALL VOTED YES.**



Pamela Selken, Business Manager



Jason McAreavey, President Board of Directors

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