MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE CORNBELT EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

A meeting of the Advisory Board for the Cornbelt Educational Cooperative was held in person and via teleconference (Zoom) at the Cornbelt Cooperative office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 9:45 A.M. The following members were present: Bridgewater-Emery – Bailey (Zoom); Ethan – Hawkins; Freeman – Tietje (Zoom); Hanson – Oltmanns (Zoom); Marion – Brosnahan (Zoom); McCook Central – Alley and Montrose – L. Johnson. Also in attendance were Melissa Sinning and Sarah Tesch - Southeastern Directions for Life (Zoom) (left at 10:00), Dean Kueter, Director and Pamela Selken, Business Manager. Absent: Canistota – Campbell and Parker – J. Johnson.

At 9:45 A.M. President L. Johnson called the meeting to order, had roll called, and determined a quorum was established for conducting business.

Action # 25-45 - Agenda - Hawkins moved seconded by Alley to approve the January 15, 2025 Agenda as presented. ALL VOTED YES.

<u>Action #25-46 - Presentation</u> – An overview presentation of Southeastern Directions for Life was given by Melissa Sinning and Sarah Tesch.

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

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

<u>Action # 25-47 - December 2024 Financial Reports</u> – Alley moved seconded by Hawkins to approve the following December 2024 Financial Reports as presented:

<u>December 2024: General Fund Beginning Balance:</u> \$7,313.66; <u>Closing Balance:</u> \$7,313.66. <u>December 2024: SPED Fund Beginning Balance:</u> \$817,140.67; <u>Revenue - Interest:</u> \$309.46; <u>Other:</u> \$2.53; <u>IDEA 611</u>: \$74,669.00; <u>IDEA 619</u>: \$4,682.00; <u>Expenditures:</u> \$144,716.28; <u>Closing Balance:</u> \$752,087.38. ALL VOTED YES.

Action # 25-48 - Monthly Claims - Bailey moved seconded by Tietje to approve the following Monthly Claims as presented:

Mr. Kueter discussed the following items with the Advisory Board: a) December 1st Child Count; b) Fall enrollment numbers; c) Staff negotiations preparation/preliminary budget; d) Legislative concerns; e) Medicaid updates; f) Proposed 2025-2026 calendar/board meeting dates; g) Director's concerns; h) Superintendent's concerns.

<u>Action # 25-49 - Adjournment</u> – At 10:50 A.M. Hawkins moved seconded by Alley to adjourn the Advisory Board Meeting with the next Advisory Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 9:45 A.M., at the Cornbelt Cooperative in Sioux Falls, SD. **ALL VOTED YES**.

Jenny Johnson President

Pamela Selken, Business Manager