



Nebraska Rural Health Association

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Meeting Minutes

Date:

January 31, 2020

Meeting Called By:

Grant Brueggeman, President

Secretary:

Laura McDougall

Attendees:

Grant Brueggeman, Laura McDougall, Manny Wolf, Kristie Stricklin, John Roberts, Kendra Brown, Theresa Hansen, Nicole Carritt, Heather Ockinga, Julie Niles and Noah Knisely

Absent: Terri Lannan

Staff:

John Roberts

Consent Items:

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kristie Stricklin, second by Kendra Brown. A motion was made to approve the December meeting minutes by Kristi Stricklin, second by Manny Wolf.

John reviewed the Treasurer's report with the board. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report by Manny Wolf, second by Noah Knisely.

Agenda Item:

Executive Directors Report

John reported on NeRHA Performance measures, and that all indicators were looking improved for 2019.

Feb 10-13, John will be going to the NRHA Policy Institute in Washington DC and visiting legislators. Email John if you have any other legislative concerns before he leaves for the trip.

So far in 2020, we are on track to have good renewal rates for membership. Corporate sponsors are also coming along well.

Ne Rural Health Conference agenda was presented by John. The board will help in identifying a concurrent session and marketing of the conference to peers. There will be a board meeting from 6-8 pm the evening prior to the conference.

The Membership Satisfaction Survey results are in, and were reviewed.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
None		

Agenda Item:

2020 Strategic Objectives

Strategic Plan review and updates were presented by John. Board comments on revised plan were positive. It will be posted to the website.

Administrative policy manual has been updated with new bylaws etc. and was reviewed. Motion was made by Noah to approve the Administrative Policy Manual, Nikki seconded. Motion passed. As we move forward, John will continue to add sections to the manual to build a more complete operational, administrative policy manual.

A grant is going into the Sherwood Foundation. There will be more info at next meeting.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
None		

Agenda Item:

2020 Budget Proposal

Discussion of 2020 Budget Proposal as presented by John, and based on past 3 years. John also presented the new I Love Rural Health website. Board discussed connecting NeRHA to the website, and how other organizations might be connected. Grant had questions about sustainability and upkeep of website. Grant made a motion to go ahead with the \$5,000 part of the video and toolkit, second by Kristi Stricklin. Motion passed. John will add this cost into the 2020 budget.

A motion was made to approve to 2020 budget with addition of the above cost by Noah Knisely, second by Grant Brueggeman. Motion passed.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Contact Bcom for amendment to the contract	John Roberts	February 15, 2020

Agenda Item:

NE Legislative Session – Bill Introduction Review

LB778 State intent regarding appropriations for the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act. NeRHA will be in support of this bill.

No bills listed in the opposed category.

On the “Monitor” list: LB760—board would possibly like to change to “support” based on further research by John, LB772, LB783, LB804, LB815, LB817, LB825, LB833, LB893, LB932, LB1011 (speaks to free-standing ER’s), LB1053, LB1058, LB1133--move to oppose, LB1183

Kendra Brown motioned to approve moving the LB1133 to oppose list, Manny Wolf seconded. Motion carried.

Action Items:

Person Responsible:

Deadline:

None

Noah moved to adjourn. Manny second. Motion carried at 11:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Laura McDougall, NERHA Secretary