

MEC Joint Powers Board Meeting

Thursday, May 28, 2015

12:00 p.m.

District Service Center Board Room

A meeting of the Multi-Events Center Joint Powers Board was held at the School District Service Center Board Room.

The following board members were present:

ISD 564: Wayne Nomeland, Chairman

City TRF: Rachel Prudhomme

NCTC: Richard Speas, acting Representative (previously appointed)

The following board members were absent:

City TRF: Carey Castle

The following advisors were present:

NCTC: Anne Temte, Clinton Castle, Paul Peterson

ISD 564: Laine Larson, Mike Biermaier

City of TRF: Brian Homer, Larry Kruse, Joe Amundson

The following advisors were absent:

ISD 564: Jason Hruby

County: Cody Hempel

Guests present: Becky Carlson, ISD 564-Recorder

Chairman Wayne Nomeland called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

Chairman Nomeland asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Laine Larson asked that Rhonda Amundson, Food Service Director for ISD 564 be added as a presenter. A motion was made by Rachel Prudhomme and seconded by Richard Speas to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the April 30, 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Rachel Prudhomme and seconded by Richard Speas to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Rhonda Amundson, ISD 564 Food Services Director, was introduced to the Board. Amundson provided an overview of the expanded Summer Meals Program for 2015. She encouraged all present to advertise the program which provides free lunches for children 18 and under. This year's program has been expanded to four locations. The Summer Meal Program is available to all children including those from other communities who may be participating in activities in Thief River Falls.

Financial Update:

Larry Kruse, Thief River Falls City Administrator advised that there have been no receipts or expenses since the last meeting.

Group discussion on liability waivers revealed that more study was needed. Shannon Jesme, NCTC, has begun research on waivers and is in the early stages of development. The Board reiterated that the goal is to minimize the number of waivers a student/parent needs to complete to participate in activities at the MEC and also to ensure that the MEC and each of the entities has proper liability coverage from the waiver.

Chairman Nomeland introduced Dennis Buckley from the Thief River Falls Soccer Association. Discussion was had on the costs associated with upkeep of the soccer fields, which are currently maintained during the summer months for use by the soccer program. The current user fee for each soccer player is \$4.00, and the MEC Board is considering an increase in the fee to help recoup some of the maintenance expenses. Conversation centered around a tentative increase of fees to \$10 per player. More information will be gathered before any action will be taken on increasing fees.

Per the MEC Joint Powers Agreement, reassignment of the Chair position, meeting location and record keeping duties will change effective July 1, 2015, to the City of Thief River Falls. Rachel Prudhomme will be the incoming Chair.

Wayne Nomeland, Chris Wavra, Becky Carlson and ISD 564 were thanked for their great work and in-kind contributions this past year and a half.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. at the City Council Board Room.

Input from the public – None

A motion made by Richard Speas and seconded by Rachel Prudhomme to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.