

NEON Minutes
May 12, 2016, Biotechnology Advancement Center

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and County Administrator, Tom Johnson, presided over the meeting.

Linden Olson provided information on the property tax comparisons on a per pupil basis around the state excluding the metro school districts.

Governance Trend #44-Fiscal Uncertainty-There was discussion as to how to engage the small cities and townships in NEON. Discussed what small project this group should work on to keep NEON going.

Around the Table:

- Gene Metz/Nobles County-Commissioner-There was a meeting with the Governor that involved some Counties and Cities where they discussed the tough issue of gas tax.
- Brad Meester/City of Bigelow-Bigelow would like to be included in the RFP bidding process with Nobles County to see if they can get better rates to get their tax forfeited property torn down. The City office is working on the internet issues.
- Julie Foote/MVTV-Dundee is almost done. News of this project has spread to Willmar and they are starting a project there. Also installing service to Olson and Maka-Oicu Parks.
- Cheryl Janssen/Seward Township-provided information on the wind tower project.
- Kurt Lintelman/Round Lake-Completion of video conference sites in Round Lake and Adrian.
- Keith Stubbe/Round Lake-Two of the three houses for sale in Round Lake have sold.
- Linden Olson/District 518-Working on the building site plan. Talking with the County in regards to long term projects ie; outdoor pool, soccer fields and library.
- Rod Sankey/City of Worthington . City had a closed meeting to discuss wages for the Administrator. At the Board of Equalization meeting there were 124 pre assigned decisions and 20 people in attendance. Discussed Cable 3 option for internet or intranet.
- Donald Linssen/Nobles County . Commissioner Linssen reported that the Park Board approved internet installation. The County Board is working with the park board to discuss the need for shelter from storms for the campers.
- Tom Johnson/Nobles County . Administrator Johnson reported that about half of the feasibility study surveys have been returned. Blandin is starting another cycle with a June deadline.

The meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting:

June 9, 2016 5:30 . 7:00 pm
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1527 Prairie Drive, Worthington, MN 56187