

NEON Minutes

June 9, 2016, Biotechnology Advancement Center

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

Craig Ebeling gave a presentation on broadband and projects in Dakota County.

Around the Table:

- Kurt Lintelman/Round Lake-grant application is pending for the Round Lake Community Center for pcs.
- Keith Stubbe/Round Lake-Keith is running for County Commissioner.
- Cheryl Janssen/Seward Township-no report.
- Don Linssen/Nobles County-a lot of meetings; trying to keep things moving forward, governor in Worthington-he is trying to get a special session.
- Gary Ewert/Heron Lake Watershed-no report.
- Rod Sankey/City of Worthington-governor in Worthington, city-projects are moving on.
- Doug Knuth/City of Round Lake-Round Lake Liquor Store and Gas Station-sold to Round Lake Winery, looking to spray for mosquitos, Naco & Ferrara still working together.
- Marv Zylstra/Nobles County-starting on budget, NRCS & Soil & Water-prioritizing what needs to be worked on-algae blooms, educate on effect of chemicals, doing more field sampling. Keep buffer strips clean from dirt.
- Aaron Hagen/Worthington Public Utilities-waiting for bonding with a special session. Wells are looking good.
- Larry Janssen/City of Worthington-Mall property is changing! September 1. Marthaler scheduled to open.
- Jorge Lopez/SW MN Housing Partnership-construction will start in September on apartment complex. Bids on four houses . each will cost \$190,000.
- John Landgaard/District 518-bond referendum for new High School and extra-curricular fields, \$75 million. Gymnastics and ALC-still working on placement. Approximately 30 new staff would be added with a new facility.
- Brad Shaffer/District 518-economic development-presence of a new school helps with people looking to relocate to Worthington. The school district needs to vacate the West building. The new school is the best option for the students and it will help the community.
- Tom Johnson/Nobles County-June 20-tentative Broadband feasibility report presentation. \$130,000-Blandin Grant money available-open for applications until June 17th; we are submitting 3 applications: 1) Developing classes through adult basic education on how to attract and mentor someone to take over a business/match people together, 2) Round Lake Community Center-10/12 new pcs for training room at the school, 3) Feasibility study on turning the old jail into a community/regional data center-inquire in the 9 county region to see who would be interested.

The meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting:

July 14, 2016 5:30 . 7:00 pm
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