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REGULAR MEETING June 8, 2026 AT 12:00 PM

AGENDA

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 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Open Meetings Act
 - d. Verification of Publication and Notification
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REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 11, 2026 11:00 AM Central

McCook Library
802 Norris Ave
McCook, NE 69001

Present: 6, Absent: 4.

1. Opening Procedures

1.a. Call to Order

President Repass called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

1.b. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

1.c. Open Meetings Act

1.d. Verification of Publication and Notification

President Repass confirmed the meeting was advertised according to policy.

1.e. Roll Call

Present were: Marty Conroy, Mary Dueland, Mike Harris, Jason Loop, Kate Repass and Jesse Stevens.

1.e.i. Excuse Absent Board Members

A motion was made by Martin Conroy to excuse absent board members: Behlke, Fisher, Lechtenberg and Sandman, seconded by Michael Harris Motion Passed.

Nathan Behlke: Absent, Michael Fisher: Absent, Jon Lechtenberg: Absent, Allison Sandman: Absent, Martin Conroy: Yea, Mary Dueland: Yea, Michael Harris: Yea, Jason Loop: Yea, Kate Repass: Yea, Jesse Stevens: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 4

Absent board members: Behlke, Fisher, Lechtenberg and Sandman

2. Comments from Guests

3. Staff Presentations

4. Action Items

4.a. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Michael Harris to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mary Dueland Motion Passed.

Nathan Behlke: Absent, Michael Fisher: Absent, Jon Lechtenberg: Absent, Allison Sandman: Absent, Martin Conroy: Yea, Mary Dueland: Yea, Michael Harris: Yea, Jason Loop: Yea, Kate Repass: Yea, Jesse Stevens: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 4

4.a.i. Approve Minutes of April Meeting

4.a.ii. Approve May Bills

May Payables of \$191,854.27 and Payroll of \$89,672.76.

4.a.iii. Approve the April Treasurer's report

4.a.iv. Approve May Agenda

4.b. Approve policy updates Article 2, Section 3 (Annual Organizational Meeting); Article 2, Section 6.A (Notice to Public); Article 3, Section 9.3 & 9.4 (Record of Management & Disposition); Article 3 section 5.6 (Services)

A motion was made by Martin Conroy to approve policy updates Article 2, Section 3 (Annual Organizational Meeting); Article 2, Section 6.A (Notice to Public); Article 3, Section 9.3 & 9.4 (Record of Management & Disposition); Article 3 section 5.6 (Services), seconded by Jason Loop Motion Passed.

Nathan Behlke: Absent, Michael Fisher: Absent, Jon Lechtenberg: Absent, Allison Sandman: Absent, Martin Conroy: Yea, Mary Dueland: Yea, Michael Harris: Yea, Jason Loop: Yea, Kate Repass: Yea, Jesse Stevens: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 4

4.c. Approve payment to Richardson Industries Inc.

A motion was made by Jason Loop to approve payment to Richardson Industries Inc., seconded by Martin Conroy Motion Passed.

Nathan Behlke: Absent, Michael Fisher: Absent, Jon Lechtenberg: Absent, Allison Sandman: Absent, Martin Conroy: Yea, Mary Dueland: Yea, Michael Harris: Yea, Jason Loop: Yea, Kate Repass: Yea, Jesse Stevens: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 4

4.d. Approve payment to Chelsey West.

A motion was made by Michael Harris to approve payment to Chelsey West, seconded by Martin Conroy Motion Passed.

Nathan Behlke: Absent, Michael Fisher: Absent, Jon Lechtenberg: Absent, Allison Sandman: Absent, Martin Conroy: Yea, Mary Dueland: Yea, Michael Harris: Yea, Jason Loop: Yea, Kate Repass: Yea, Jesse Stevens: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 4

4.e. Approve payment to Instructional Coaching Group

A motion was made by Jesse Stevens to approve payment to Instructional Coaching Group, seconded by Michael Harris Motion Passed.

Nathan Behlke: Absent, Michael Fisher: Absent, Jon Lechtenberg: Absent, Allison Sandman: Absent, Martin Conroy: Yea, Mary Dueland: Yea, Michael Harris: Yea, Jason Loop: Yea, Kate Repass: Yea, Jesse Stevens: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 4

4.f. Approve payment to Harris School Solutions for Annual Service

A motion was made by Martin Conroy to approve payment to Harris School Solutions for Annual Service, seconded by Mary Dueland Motion Passed.

Nathan Behlke: Absent, Michael Fisher: Absent, Jon Lechtenberg: Absent, Allison Sandman: Absent, Martin Conroy: Yea, Mary Dueland: Yea, Michael Harris: Yea, Jason Loop: Yea, Kate Repass: Yea, Jesse Stevens: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 4

4.g. Approve payment to ESUCC

A motion was made by Mary Dueland to approve payment to ESUCC, seconded by Michael Harris Motion Passed.

Nathan Behlke: Absent, Michael Fisher: Absent, Jon Lechtenberg: Absent, Allison Sandman: Absent, Martin Conroy: Yea, Mary Dueland: Yea, Michael Harris: Yea, Jason Loop: Yea, Kate Repass: Yea, Jesse Stevens: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 4

5. Discussion Items

5.a. Facilities Survey Report

Mr. Picquet updated the board on the facilities survey results. The cost and how that would impact our services were the biggest concerns.

The board ordered a land survey done of our existing ESU 15 Trenton property.

5.b. ESU Scholarship Foundation — Scholarship Eligibility through Big Beautiful Bill

Mr. Picquet discussed with the board about an ESU Scholarship Foundation — Scholarship Eligibility through the Big Beautiful Bill. The ESU could form a foundation and set up scholarships for smaller schools.

6. Reports

6.a. Administrator

Mr. Picquet updated the board on upcoming meetings:

- June 8th-12th — Jim Knight.
- NASB Law Conference in Kearney, NE
- Alicap Safety Conference on July 8th, 2026, in Kearney, NE.
- Administrative Days from July 29th–31st, 2026, in Kearney, NE.

6.b. Board

6.c. Executive Session:

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 pm and the next board meeting will be June 8, 2026, via the McCook Office and video conference @ 12:00 pm.

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Check Listing Report

Payables - 6/8/2026

Check Date	Check Number	Payee	Description	Amount
06/08/2026	38477	Beavers, Heather	mileage	\$1,013.55
06/08/2026	38478	Burke, Sharriea	mileage	\$1,191.34
06/08/2026	38479	Calvert, Sara	mileage	\$1,077.36
06/08/2026	38480	CenturyLink (AZ)	telephone	\$83.00
06/08/2026	38481	Chase County Schools	migrant -after school-sheaffer/nickel	\$1,732.92
06/08/2026	38482	Cooley, Dianna	mileage	\$1,515.25
06/08/2026	38483	Coppermill Steakhouse	meal-staff day	\$360.00
06/08/2026	38484	Cortney Crocker	mileage	\$4,790.05
06/08/2026	38485	Courtyard by Marriott	hotel-long/dickey	\$966.00
06/08/2026	38486	Dickey, Angie	mileage	\$1,267.09
06/08/2026	38487	Educational Service Unit 16	contract services-long-apr 2026	\$2,332.55
06/08/2026	38488	Educational Service Unit Coord Council	board/sda/pdo meeting-picquet/dickey	\$125.00
06/08/2026	38489	Englot, Angie	mileage	\$454.58
06/08/2026	38490	Esch, Barb	mileage	\$622.05
06/08/2026	38491	Esu #15 Cafeteria/125 Plan	monthly fees	\$90.00
05/26/2026	38476	Great Plains Communications	telephone-trenton/internet-mccook	\$303.92
06/08/2026	38492	Great Plains Communications	telephone-imperial	\$70.95
06/08/2026	38493	Hanson, John	mileage	\$404.55
06/08/2026	38494	Harris School Solutions	supplies-checks	\$399.64
06/08/2026	38495	Harris, Michael	board mileage	\$17.40
06/08/2026	38496	Hill's Family Foods	migrant-supplies	\$40.00
06/08/2026	38497	Hometown Leasing	copier lease	\$303.88
06/08/2026	38498	Isom, Jean	migrant mileage	\$504.60
06/08/2026	38499	Kilgore, Christina	prt-RBEI training	\$986.75
06/08/2026	38500	Krutsinger, Lisa	mileage	\$661.20
06/08/2026	38501	Kunemann, Carol	mileage	\$889.58
06/08/2026	38502	Lexia Learning Systems LLC	clsd-letrs ec training volume 2	\$1,099.00
06/08/2026	38503	Lopez, Aida	mileage	\$290.73
06/08/2026	38504	Lusk, Justen	migrant mileage	\$1,085.33
06/08/2026	38505	McCook Daily Gazette	legal notice	\$19.40
06/08/2026	38506	McCook Public Schools	clsd grant-professional educ services	\$10,989.00
06/08/2026	38506	McCook Public Schools	hanson ins	\$937.54
06/08/2026	38507	McCorkle, CaLee	building maintenance-mowing	\$50.00
06/08/2026	38508	Nauert, Breanna	mileage	\$89.90
06/08/2026	38509	NCS Pearson Inc.	q-interactive usage-psych/speech	\$90.13
06/08/2026	38510	Nebraska Council of School Administrators	2026 esucc pdo celebration	\$35.00
06/08/2026	38511	NETA	NETA Conf-dickey	\$279.00
06/08/2026	38512	Occupational Therapy Services	ot services	\$8,747.00
06/08/2026	38513	Olsen, Tonya	mileage	\$949.75
06/08/2026	38514	On the Bricks, LLC	mccook rent -jun-aug	\$3,600.00
06/08/2026	38515	On To College	act prep 2026-27	\$16,121.00
06/08/2026	38516	Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gess.	2026 school dist annual policy updates	\$1,850.00
06/08/2026	38517	Picquet, Phillip	mileage	\$702.90
06/08/2026	38518	Repass, Kate	board mileage	\$55.10
06/08/2026	38519	Richardson, Cynthia	board mileage	\$37.70
06/08/2026	38520	SLP Now LLC	web based software	\$996.00
06/08/2026	38521	Southwest Public Schools	Rice-ESU 15 quiz bowl	\$2,343.53
06/08/2026	38522	Strand, Amy	mileage	\$250.85
06/08/2026	38523	USBANK	credit card	\$5,078.84
06/08/2026	38524	Verizon	telephone	\$159.84
05/26/2026	38475	Viaero	migrant-phone	\$83.58
06/08/2026	38525	Village Of Trenton	maintenance-sewer/utilities	\$474.88
06/08/2026	38526	Walker, Kelcey	mileage	\$598.85

06/08/2026	38527	Weimer, Todd	mileage	\$284.20
06/08/2026	38528	Werkmeister, Jessica	mileage	\$395.85
06/08/2026	38529	West, Chelsey	contracted services-speech/mileage	\$2,724.05
06/01/2026	Liability	Aflac	Aflac After Tax	\$1,250.43
06/01/2026	Liability	Blue Cross And Blue Shield	BCBS EE+CH HSA	\$36,691.36
06/01/2026	Liability	KUNNEMANN HSA	HSA EE Carol Kunnemann	\$50.00
06/01/2026	Liability	Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co.	Colonial Life & Acc Ins	\$42.75
06/01/2026	Liability	Community First Bank	NPERS	\$21,146.30
06/01/2026	Liability	Community First Bank-FICA	Federal Withholding	\$10,083.30
06/01/2026	Liability	Community First Bank-FICA	FICA	\$15,936.28
06/01/2026	Liability	Community First Bank-FICA	Medicare	\$3,727.08
06/01/2026	Liability	RICHARDSON HSA	HSA EE Cynthia Richardson	\$100.00
06/01/2026	Liability	Esu #15 Cafeteria/125 Plan	Cafeteria 125	\$2,266.68
06/01/2026	Liability	BRENNING HSA	HSA EE Laurie Brenning	\$241.51
06/01/2026	Liability	LegalShield, Inc	Pre-pd ID shield	\$71.80
06/01/2026	Liability	MG Trust Company	MG 403(b)	\$4,125.00
06/01/2026	Liability	Medical Air Services Association	MASA	\$70.00
06/01/2026	Liability	Nebraska Depart. Of Revenue	State Withholding - NE	\$3,961.95
06/01/2026	Liability	Principal Life Insurance Co.	LTD	\$408.33
06/01/2026	Liability	BURKE HSA	HSA EE SHARRIEA BURKE	\$160.00
06/01/2026	Liability	Vision Service Plan (CT)	Vision- Family- 125	\$229.72
			Total Payables	\$183,184.65
			Payroll	\$88,598.54
			Total Expenditures	\$271,783.19

Signature:

2025-26

Taxes Collected

	Budget Amt.	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	% PAID	BALANCE
Chase	\$266,228.60	37,107.28	131,446.62	1,704.76	576.84	45,735.38	15,825.87	22,293.17	6,464.04	88,334.24				1.31	(\$88,225.89)
Dundy	\$162,452.47	30,002.70	11,247.31	2,050.04	264.53	27,559.74	15,947.84	3,038.12	5,033.07	36,016.90				0.81	\$31,292.22
Frontier	\$109,688.56	15,513.64	8,063.43	1,222.97	757.77	20,367.20	3,978.52	7,186.89	2,339.94	34,467.32				0.86	\$15,790.88
Furnas	\$18,120.47	1,886.98	696.58	94.72	389.83	3,815.14	820.15	2,222.79	183.15	5,515.80				0.86	\$2,495.33
Hayes	\$100,016.76	1,094.50	7,049.62	0.00	1,913.53	21,307.45	4,896.91	8,869.00	2,700.01	27,863.08				0.76	\$24,322.66
Hitchcock	\$142,169.43	22,440.04	8,987.50	1,539.40	451.84	24,836.52	14,143.30	2,269.16	5,571.47	44,150.37				0.87	\$17,779.83
Lincoln	\$46,001.09	7,685.74	3,980.73	81.33	199.51	7,363.39	1,868.30	2,648.25	1,664.95	15,566.14				0.89	\$4,942.75
Perkins	\$25.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.87	0.00	0.02	23.14				0.99	\$0.22
Red Willow	\$261,262.31	43,083.46	11,201.02	2,169.78	3,454.09	40,448.39	23,404.04	6,443.33	10,420.60	90,221.20				0.88	\$30,416.40
Total	\$1,105,964.97	158,814.34	182,672.81	8,863.00	8,007.94	191,433.22	80,886.80	54,970.71	34,377.25	342,158.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	96%	\$43,780.71

May 26, 2026			
Treasurer Report			
Balances as of May 26, 2026			
Checking Account- ESU#15	\$ 1,190,402.90	Comm First Bank Balance-ESU#15	\$ 1,190,402.90
Money Market-Comm First Bank	\$ 363,283.52	-Outstanding checks	\$5,021.70
Flex Accts	\$2,000,000.00	June 2026 checks	\$ 271,783.19
Total	3,553,686.42	Total	\$ 913,598.01
Outstanding Checks			
Date	Check #	Description	Amount
10/13/2025	38461	Angie Englot	\$371.70
11/10/2025	37975	2B Clean	\$80.00
3/9/2026	38266	CenturyLink	\$83.24
3/9/2026	38274	Angie Englot	\$611.18
3/9/2026	38286	Jon Lechtenberg	\$89.90
4/13/2026	38344	Angie Englot	\$522.73
4/13/2026	38383	Walker, Kelcey	\$593.05
5/11/2026	38403	Nathan Behlke	\$78.30
5/11/2026	38415	Educational Service Unit 9	\$180.00
5/11/2026	38417	Angie Englot	\$585.80
5/11/2026	38432	Learning Forward Nebraska	\$200.00
5/11/2026	38434	Aida Lopez	\$772.85
5/11/2026	38450	Allison Sandman	\$63.80
5/11/2026	38459	Jessica Werkmeister	\$401.65
5/26/2026	38475	Viaero	\$83.58
5/26/2026	38476	Great Plains Communications	\$303.92
		Total Outstanding	\$5,021.70
Receipts			
	Date	Description	Amount
	4/29/2026	State of NE-Core Services	\$6,094.17
	5/5/2026	ESU 16	\$5,295.62
		ESUCC	\$17,314.17
	5/5/2026	State of NE-MIPS	\$4,260.10
	5/7/2026	Frontier Co Treasurer	\$34,467.32
		Chase Co Treasurer	\$88,334.24
	5/11/2026	Perkins Co Treasurer	\$23.14
	5/12/2026	Hayes Center Schools	\$20,473.89
	5/12/2026	Lincoln Co Treasurer	\$15,566.14
	5/14/2026	Hitchcock Co Treasurer	\$44,150.37
		Furnas Co Treasurer	\$5,515.80
		Dundy Co Treasurer	\$36,016.90
		Laurie Brenning	\$118.00
		Southwest Public Schools	\$24,221.40
		Hitchcock Co Schools	\$29,129.61
		Dundy Co Schools	\$35,886.89
		Medicine Valley Schools	\$23,076.98
	5/18/2026	Red Willow Co Treasurer	\$90,221.20
		Hayes Co Treasurer	\$27,863.08
		McCook Schools	\$12,997.07
		Maywood Schools	\$22,550.25
		Linnette Kisker	\$54.00
	5/22/2026	State of NE- Service Coord	\$3,124.38
	5/26/2026	Henderson State Bank	\$391.29
		Henderson State Bank-MM	\$403.64
		Total Outstanding	\$547,549.65

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Disposal List August 2025			
Make	Model	Tag #	Serial #
Dell	7520	1038-4898	00328-20000-40501-AA856
Lenovo	ThinkPad	1221-80-064	64659TU
Lenovo	G500	1006-9231	CB25470375
Lenovo	Z50-70	1006-9194	YB10677932
Lenovo	IdeaPad	1006-9184	59428054
HP	ProBook	1041-2230	5CD73177SP
Microsoft	SurfacePro	1006-9218	89567754953
Apple	iPad		DLXFG9XLDKPJ
Apple	iPad		DLXFGGCGDKPJ
Apple	iPad		DMPRH2WAHMC
Apple	iPad	1170-01-319	DN6G89KBDKJP
Apple	iPad	1041-2221	DLXFH9BRDFHW
Apple	iPad	1041-2222	DMPS18OUG5VJ
Apple	iPad	1041-2223	DMPS12BKG5VT
Apple	iPad	1006-9243	GCGV36QCHLFF
Apple	iPad	1006-9241	GCGV80PVHLFC
AP Lazer	SN-4836	1038-4838	BN20160126-023
AP Lazer Stand	SN-4836	1038-4842	BN20160126-023
Double Telepresence Charger		1006-9206	
Double Telepresence Charger		1006-9205	
Double Telepresence Robot	Gen I	1006-9204	
Double Telepresence Robot	Gen I	1006-9207	