

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

October 5, 2023
Canyon River Lodge, Ellensburg WA

MINUTES

The United Schools Insurance Program (USIP) Board of Directors conducted an All-Board Meeting on October 5, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in person at the Canyon River Lodge, 14700 Canyon Road, Ellensburg WA. Board Members participating: Brian Talbott, East Valley School District; Tom Venable, Methow Valley School District; Kyle Rydell, West Valley School District; Thad Nelson, Adna School District; Mandi Rehn, Valley School District; Michelle Price, North Central ESD, Jon Tienharra, South Bend School District; Doug Burge, Zillah Scholl District and Ben Ferny, Cheney School District. Participating from the Administration Office: Jenni Bates, Dave Kosa, Ellen Kosa, Becca Kirsch, Rick Templeton, Frank Andrus, Lane Larson, Patti Ferguson, Rachel Hufman, Rob Hill, Rebecca Joslin, Brian Turnbull, Zack Berryman, and Aaron Sheneman representing Clear Risk Solutions. Also in attendance was Attorney Jen Homer.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Talbott at 8:30 a.m.

ITEM 1

INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL:

Introductions were conducted.

ITEM 2

ADDITIONS:

Additions to the agenda were called for; there were none.

ITEM 3

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS:

- USIP 2023-2024 took place in late August, the results were the following:
- Re Elected to another term – Mandi Rehn and Kyle Rydell
- Newest Board member elected by membership – Doug Burge, Zilla School District.

ITEM 4

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Homer addressed the Board regarding the annual elections of officers. After some discussion Talbott called for the vote. Motion by Price to keep the current slate of officers one more year. Second by Rehn, motion carried.

Chair – Brian Talbott

V. Chair – Tom Venable

Fiscal Officer – Kyle Rydell

ITEM 5

CONSENT AGENDA:

The consent agenda was presented to include the August and September 2023 vouchers and summaries approved by committee and the June and July 2023 minutes. Also included were the bank statements and transfers to date. Motion Rehn to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by Venable. Motion carried.

ITEM 6

FINANCIAL REPORT:

E. Kosa led a discussion on current and draft year end financials. The current and year end solvency tests were discussed. USIP passes both tests.

ITEM 7

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL UNDERWRITING REPORT:

The Board was given a draft report in July, the final report was presented by Huffman with any changes that had transpired. After some discussion, motion by Nelson to adopt the final underwriting report for 23/24 policy year, second by Rehn. Motion carried.

ITEM 8

WEBSITE REBUILD BY D2 CREATIVE:

Bates presented an update on the new USIP website. All final touches are being done and then it will go live. The final amount spent with D2 was \$7,768.01. Motion by Tienharra to approve the final amount with D2 Creative, second by Berge. Motion carried.

ITEM 9

ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR DISCUSSION:

Bates presented the annual calendar, the March date will be adjusted to March 19, 2024, and held in Wenatchee at the North Central ESD hosted by Price.

ITEM 10

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BROUGHT FORWARD FROM WORKSHOP

- Go out early with an inflated estimated number in May for budgeting.
- Continue deductible work (Incentive/disincentive).
- Educate the members with alerts on weather and closure check lists.
- Organize a strong front regarding legislative work and start early.
- Involve the Board more often to help educate the members across the regions.
- Communicate early and often.

ITEM 11

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

After some discussion, a legislative committee was formed.

Michelle Price – Chair, Brian Talbott and Jon Tienharra committee members.

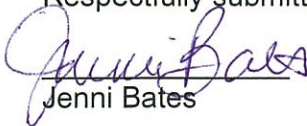
The committee will continue to work with Alex Hur, the USIP Lobbyist and Rich Moore from Clear Risk along with others from Clear Risk when needed.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next Board of Directors meeting will be December 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at 451 Diamond Drive, Ephrata, WA,

Respectfully submitted,


Jenni Bates



Brian Talbott, Chairman