



ServeNebraska Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2012

NOTE TAKER: Janet Schmidt	LOCATION: Holiday Inn Express – North Platte, NE	DATE: 04/17/12	TIME: 6:40 p.m.	DURATION: 1 Hour 7 minutes
PURPOSE: <i>Quarterly Commission Meeting</i>	ATTENDEES: Commissioners Present: Keelan Chapman, Nancy Faber, Jan Fitts, April Kelly, Denise Kollath, Jamie Moore, Julie Nash, Gerry Osborn, Donlynn Rice, and Angela Volovich. Commissioner(s) Present via Teleconference: Ron Sedlacek and Lois Wine. Absent: Tami Bailey, Lorinda Brown, Sally Ganem, Barry Kriha, Tanya Hansen, Susan Schnase, Carol Speicher and Rose White. Staff Present: Barbara Thomas, Greg Donovan, Kim Hall, Cathy Plager and Janet Schmidt			

BUSINESS MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Jamie Moore, Chair of the Commission.

ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Roll call was taken by Janet Schmidt to determine a quorum of 10 members as required by the Bylaws. Twelve commissioners were in attendance at 6:47 p.m. and there was a quorum (10 voting with 2 of those by phone and 2 non-voting)

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF April 17, 2011 CONSENT AGENDA – Jamie Moore

1. Approval of Minutes – January 26, 2011 Commission Meeting
2. Approval of Agenda – April 17, 2012 Commission Meeting
3. Approval of Report – Commission Financial Reports (Quarterly Operation & Subgrant Expenditures and Administrative Match Reports ending March 31, 2012)
4. Executive Director’s Report

Motion #1: Commissioner Gerry Osborn moved that the items on the consent agenda be approved.
Second: Commissioner Lois Wine seconded.
Vote: 8-Yes 2-Abstentions. Motion was carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Revised 2012 ServeNebraska Admin and Disability Operational Budgets – Barbara Thomas, ServeNebraska Executive Director
 Barbara Thomas reported that she received a second clarification request on the Administration and Disability grant budgets from the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS). She has revised the two budgets per the clarification requests from CNCS and resubmitted them April 16, 2012. The new revision dated 4-16-12 was handed out. Barbara explained the changes and why they were made. She reminded commissioners that the budget included hiring a temporary, part-time Administrative Secretary for the 2nd six months of the year. All places where changes were made are highlighted in yellow on the handout sent to the Commission before the meeting for review.

Motion #2: Commissioner Donlynn Rice moved to adopt the 2012 Commission Operational Budget as it was sent.
Second: Commissioner Denise Kollath seconded.
Vote: 10-Yes. Motion was carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2012 Governor’s Conference on Rural Development (April 18, 2012 – North Platte, NE) – Jamie Moore

The Keynote Speaker for the conference is Commissioner April Kelly. The Conference will run 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Governor Heineman will be attending and will say a few words at the beginning of the Conference. From 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., the First Lady Awards Luncheon will be held. First Lady Sally Ganem will be in attendance and ServeNebraska Awards Chair, Gerry Osborn, will assist her with presenting the awards. Commissioner Julie Nash is one of the presenters for the Volunteer and Civic Engagement Track. Kim Hall handed out the luncheon table assignment sheet to commissioners for their use to assist ServeNebraska Staff in welcoming and seating awards luncheon guests.

Nebraska Volunteer Foundation Fundraising Update – Lois Wine, Nebraska Volunteer Foundation Fund Advisory Committee Chair
April 9th the Foundation's Fund Advisory Committee (FAC) met via teleconference. The Committee discussed how best to raise funds. They have decided the next step is to compile a potential donor's list. They plan to begin by compiling a list of past commissioners and past commission chairs. A Nebraska Community Foundation representative and Susan Schnase will be asked if they can provide a training on "How to Make the Ask".

Stand for the Silent Anti-Bullying Campaign & Commissioner's contact with State Senators – Jamie Moore

At the January Commission meeting, Jamie Moore had asked all Commissioners to contact their state senator to increase awareness and support for this initiative. Most Commissioners present reported contacting their legislator.

This campaign has really taken off. More than sixty thousand students and youth with organizations statewide will observe seven seconds of silence and release balloons on Friday April 20. The project is coordinated by the ServeNebraska InterCorps Council as the signature Global Youth Service Day event with leadership provided by RISE AmeriCorps member Heather Millard. At the close of the meeting today, the Commissioners will stand silent for seven seconds and then release balloons in the parking lot of the hotel. The seven seconds of silence marks the fact that nationally someone is bullied every seven seconds. Commissioners commented that the Stand for the Silent PSAs produced by Broadview Multimedia and the University of Nebraska Athletic Department were well done. The air time for these PSAs as well as the balloons for the event provided by Oriental Trading Company will provide matching resources to ServeNebraska.

Commissioner Appointments/Re-appointments – Barbara Thomas

Barbara met with the Governor's Staff a week ago. Commissioners Jamie Moore, Rose White and Ron Sedlacek were recommended for reappointment and five new applications were reviewed. Two individuals will not be considered for appointment due to party affiliation rules - more Democratic nominees are needed for Commission service. The Governor's staff will meet with the Governor and present three re-appointments and three new appointments. The Governor will make a decision by the end of April or early May. Barbara shared that the Commission still needs to recruit a local labor union representative which is a mandatory category to be filled. Additional priorities include; a representative for educating and developing the needs of disadvantaged youth; a Native American representative; and a person to represent at risk or out of school children.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 Officer Elections – Jamie Moore

Chair, Jamie Moore, reviewed with commissioners the steps for electing Commission Officers.

1. Review ballot with nominations: accept nominations from the floor
2. Officer election by written ballot
3. Tally ballots and report the election results

Jamie appointed Commissioners April Kelly, Angela Volovich and Keelan Chapman to be tellers for the election. The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Chair. No new nominations were brought forward.

Motion #3: Commissioner Gerry Osborn moved that nominations for the position of Chair be closed.
Second: Commissioner Nancy Faber seconded.
Vote: 10-Yes. Motion was carried unanimously.

The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Commissioner Faber requested that her name be removed from the slate of Vice-Chair. Her name was removed from the slate. No new nominations were brought forward.

Motion #4: Commissioner Jan Fitts moved that the nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed.
Second: Commissioner Donlynn Rice seconded.
Vote: 10-Yes Motion was carried unanimously.

Annual Report/Meeting with the Governor – Barbara Thomas

Barbara work with the Governor's office to set a date for the meeting with the Governor after an annual report is written and published. Chair Jamie Moore asked the Commissioners if they would like to attend the meeting with the Governor. It was reaffirmed that the members of the Executive Committee who are available and the Executive Director will represent the commission at the meeting. She mentioned that the Commission received a copy of a letter that went to Governor Heineman from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) citing the good work of the commission and sharing that CNCS has committed funding to Nebraska for more than \$6,600,000+ in 2012.

Election Report – April Kelly, Nominating Committee Chair

April reported the following results from the election by written ballot:

- Jamie Moore was re-elected Chair
- Lois Wine was re-elected as Vice-Chair.

It is recorded that these persons are duly elected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Symposium: A Celebration of Service – May 31, 2012

The Symposium will be held at the Seward Civic Center. This event will feature artistic creations by AmeriCorps members capturing themes related to service. It will also include training focused on life after AmeriCorps. Commissioners are encouraged to attend. Commissioners April Kelly and Lorinda Brown will be presenters.

Next Commission Meeting – Thursday, July 26, 2012

The July meeting will be held in the Head Start Building at 123 N Marion Road in Hastings, NE beginning at 10:00 am. Out host Commissioner is Julie Nash.

ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING

Motion #5: Commissioner April Kelly moved that the Commission meeting be adjourned.

Second: Commissioner Gerry Osborn seconded.

Vote: 8-Yes. Motion failed for lack of a quorum.

Chair Jamie Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Submitted by, _____
Janet Schmidt, Fiscal/Operations Officer

Approved by, _____
Jamie Moore, Chair