

## **Summary**

**Present:** Scott Monson, Chair, Minneota  
 Joe Meyer, Past Chair, Murray County Central  
 Dennis Laumeyer, Benson  
 Klint Willert, Pipestone  
 Doug Froke, Renville County West  
 Richard Schneider, Yellow Medicine East  
 Melissa Radeke, Lester Prairie  
 Bill Adams, Willmar

**Guest:** James Menton, BOLD

**Absent:** Molly Schilling, Vice Chair, Adrian  
 Ryan Nielsen, Canby  
 Jeff Horton, Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop  
 Paul Bang, Heron Lake-Okabena  
 Barry Schmidt, Jackson County Central  
 Chris Fenske, Lakeview  
 Terry Gaalswyk, Minnesota West  
 Ray Hassing, Round Lake-Brewster  
 Sonya Vierstraete, SW Minnesota State University  
 Dr. Chad Anderson, Tracy  
 John Landgaard, Worthington

**Staff:** Cliff Carmody, Executive Director  
 Tegan Gillund, Director of Finance  
 Shelly Maes, Director of Member Engagement & SWWC Foundation Executive Director  
 Mary Palmer, Senior Director of Special Services  
 Josh Sumption, Chief Technology and Information Officer  
 Deecy Jesse, Administrative Assistant

- I. Call to Order – Cliff Carmody, SWWC Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.
  - a. Welcome
  - b. Agenda Review and Approval  
 The agenda was reviewed. Due to not having a quorum, the Superintendents' Executive Council meeting agenda was not approved.
  - c. Review and Approve 3/12/24 Meeting Summary  
 The minutes from the March 12, 2024, Superintendents' Executive Council meeting was reviewed. Due to not having a quorum, the Superintendents' Executive Council meeting minutes will be approved at the next meeting scheduled for September 10, 2024.
  
- II. Information/Discussion/Action
  - a. 2024-25 Meeting Schedule – Shelly Maes

Shelly shared the Superintendent meeting dates for next year.

- The Candidate Forum is scheduled for October 30, 2024.
- The Summer Leadership Conference is scheduled for June 17-18, 2025.
- The survey feedback was positive to continue virtual meetings and meet one time a month in person. Discussion was held.

Due to not having a quorum, the Superintendents' Executive Council 2024-25 Meeting Schedule will be approved at the next meeting scheduled for September 10, 2024.

b. Bylaw Appendix Addition – Cliff Carmody

Cliff reviewed the Appendix Addition and shared that the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline information will be added to the Bylaws.

Due to not having a quorum, the Superintendents' Executive Council Bylaw Appendix Addition will be approved at the next meeting scheduled for September 10, 2024.

c. FY25 Preliminary Budget & Financial Review – Tegan Gillund

Tegan provided a high-level overview of the budget. The pricing assumptions are done in December. This will go to the SWWC Board Finance Committee and full Board of Directors in June.

III. SWWC Executive Director Report – Cliff Carmody

a. Cooperative Facilities Levy

The Cooperative doesn't have a good way to finance the costs of building and renovations of buildings for SWWC Facilities. SWWC used the lease levy authority to pay lease costs on ELC & ALCs.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Special Education Advisory Committee – Molly Schilling, Ryan Nielsen, Melissa Radeke  
Melissa shared that Willmar Public Schools requested purchasing their own Special Education Director. The Committee approved the request.

Shelly sent out a survey and a received good response to help gauge where districts are at with Special Education Services. When finalized, Mary will send those out to members.

V. Planning Exercise – Cliff Carmody

VI. Communication, Information and Updates

a. MREA Updates – Cliff Carmody

Bob Indihar retired, and Darrin Strosahl has been hired as the new MREA Executive Director.

b. MASA Updates – Dr. Bill Adams

No updates at this time.

c. MN Telemedia Report – Paul Bang/Dr. Jeff Horton/Ray Hassing

No updates at this time.

- d. Post-Secondary Partners Updates
  - i. SMSU – Dr. Sonya Vierstraete
  - ii. MN West Community & Technical College – Dr. Terry Gaalswyk
- e. SWWC Foundation for Innovation in Education Update – Shelly Maes  
SWWC Foundation raised over \$48,000 to support Student Enrichment, as well as ELCs and Ready Clinics. We received a \$10,000 donation to go towards the Science and Nature Conference.

VII. Open Forum/Closing Remarks

VIII. Adjourn