

**North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200**  
Minutes of the Business Services Committee Meeting  
District Office  
6248 North Boone School Road  
Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065  
Monday, August 8, 2011  
5:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Laura Zwart at 5:30 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Dr. Steven Baule, Mr. Tom Kinser and Mrs. Cathy Nelson. Absent were Ms. Emily Gregory, Mrs. Jeannine Plath and Mr. Mike Wesbecher. Mr. Don Ward was also present.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

Julie Van Laar, CPA and business owner, felt the Committee should not depend on receiving money from wind energy because the subsidies expire in December 2012 and there is no guarantee they will continue after that time. She spoke about how these subsidies were so good in the 1980s but by the 1990s the wind turbines were abandoned. She also warned that some of the land designated for wind turbines is in the Harvard School District and they will receive a percentage of any revenues generated by the wind turbines.

Brian Van Laar, expressed concern about making plans for the use of revenues generated by wind turbines. He cautioned that with zoning, appeals, etc., Boone County is at least three years from receiving any money from wind turbines.

**REVIEW OF MONTHLY FINANCIALS (July)**

Mrs. Nelson stated that because of the time required for auditors, the July financials are not yet completed.

Mrs. Nelson reported that the auditors spent three days in the district last week, and most of the field work on the audit is concluded. The AFR and capital assets forms are also completed. It is anticipated that the previous adverse audit finding will be eliminated. The district now has a list of fixed assets for the last five years and that inventory will be done each year.

Dr. Baule added that, among other things, the maintenance of a fixed asset inventory will be much easier once the district has a more comprehensive financial software package.

Mrs. Nelson stated that the single audit is now complete and the auditor is preparing his report. They expect to give a presentation at the next Business Committee meeting.

**OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Financial Impact of a 200MW Wind Project

Mr. Ward stated that he had requested projections of the financial impact of a 200MW wind project broken down by fund for informational purposes only. He cautioned that the accelerated

bond schedule and the drop in EAV will result in a cost to the district. Whatever the results of the financial projections, the outcome will be of value to the Board. Mrs. Zwart suggested that the district start by reconciling the difference between PMA's calculations and those of Tom Kinser. A draft of this report will be submitted to the Committee at its next meeting.

It was also requested that the report show the effect of the bond payments with the current EAV and with a 10% reduction in the EAV.

### Budget

At Mrs. Zwart's request, Mrs. Nelson prepared a chronicle of the FY 2011 budget development. She reviewed its development and the item amounts in each fund from the original FY11 budget to the amended FY11 budget and the differences therein. As of last week, \$535,000 has been vouchered but outstanding from the state.

Mrs. Nelson handed out a tentative budget for FY12 for the Committee's review. She also distributed a five-year plan for all areas of capital outlay. She worked with all the principals to identify a list for 2012. The goal of the budget is to be balanced and remain equal to the building sites' budgets. Mrs. Nelson advised that she would be attending a meeting at the end of the week on the state's impact on budgeting.

### Miscellaneous

Pursuant to the district's agreement with the Village of Poplar Grove, a report on impact fees is to be submitted to the district every six months. The Committee requested that the district generate a list of how impact fees would be spent. The district will also find out if it has an agreement for impact fees with the Village of Capron.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Business Services Committee meeting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on September 13, 2011 at the District office.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Laura Zwart, Chairperson