

# SWANN Board of Directors Meeting APR 17, 2025

Chairman J.W. Geiser called the April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Board of Director's meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Platte Valley Bank Meeting Room, 141 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Chadron, NE. Members were present for roll call: Chadron, Shane Shepherd; Clinton, Roy Retzlaff; Crawford, Chris Dean; Dawes Co., Vic Rivera; Gordon, Doug Woodbeck; Hay Springs, Brant Buettner; Hemingford, Richard Wacker; Rushville, Barbara Stava; Sheridan Co. Dan Kling; and Sioux County, J.W. Geiser. Quorum was reached with members present. Members absent: Harrison, Dashiell Rohan; Whitney, Fred Raben. Chairman Geiser pointed out the Open Meetings Act posted in the rear of the room.

### Approval of Agenda

Chairman Geiser presented the April 17th, 2025 agenda. With no changes to the presented agenda, Member Kling from Sheridan Co. moved to approve the agenda as presented. Member Wacker from Hemingford seconded the motion. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

## Approval of March 20th, 2025 Minutes

Mr. Geiser presented the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 BOD meeting minutes. With no additions or corrections to the minutes as presented, Member Retzlaff of Clinton moved to approve the minutes. Member Woodbeck of Gordon seconded the motion. Members voting aye were; Chadron, Shane Shepherd; Clinton, Roy Retzlaff; Gordon, Doug Woodbeck; Hay Springs, Brant Buettner; Hemingford, Richard Wacker; Rushville, Barbara Stava; Sheridan Co. Dan Kling; and Sioux County, J.W. Geiser. Abstaining were members: Crawford, Chris Dean; Dawes Co., Vic Rivera; Quorum was reached with members present. Motion carried.

### Approval of Claims/Budgets EOM March 2025 Results

Executive Director, Jake Stewart reviewed the claims/budget for the Board. At the end of March 2025, the Agency was 83% through the 24-25 fiscal year. Revenues and Expenses were reviewed. On the revenue side, the Agency was ahead of projections at 92%, expenses were 83%, being in line with projected costs. Stewart pointed out areas of review on the budget sheets e.g. expenses — gas/diesel, disposal fees, along with mentioning how LB 247 will affect this line item, wages, legal, engineering, etc. Topics were discussed by Exec. Director and Board members as questions arose. Stewart reviewed the money markets/reserve accounts showing the deposits in the bonding, disposal and collection equipment accounts. Money Markets and CDs were reviewed. Stewart reviewed the paid bills and tonnage report for the month. With no additional questions and comments, Member Dean of Crawford moved to approve the March 2025 EOM Claims and Budgets. Rushville member Stava seconded the motion. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

## Assessment Resolution 2025-07 - Sheridan County

Director Stewart noted that the intent of this resolution was authorizing the release of the assessment for certain delinquent account(s) which were previously submitted to the County Treasurer; that was fully paid and satisfied in the interim period of applying assessments. The Special Assessment(s), approved for presentation to the Sheridan County Treasurer was hereby ordered for specifically identified delinquent accounts to be released and discharged of record due to payment in full for accounts identified on exhibit subsequently provided to Sheridan County Treasurer upon approval. Upon discussion regarding the assessment process, member Retzlaff of Clinton moved to approve the fully-satisfied assessment list on Resolution 2025-07. Member Dean of Crawford seconded. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

## Tony Denke \_ Presentation FNBO

Board Chairman JW Geiser announced agenda item; Ex. Director Stewart introduced Tony Denke to the SWANN Board of Directors. Mr. Denke spent time discussing capabilities and operations with First National Bank of Omaha, Chadron Branch. Denke discussed security factors in today's financial environments, and additional aspects of the FNBO institution that could be of benefit to the Agency. Board members asked questions, and called for additional information to feel more capable of making financial decisions as to how they pertain to the Agency. Mr. Denke was to provide information at a future board meeting for review. With no action to be taken, Mr. Denke concluded his presentation for the meeting.



#### **Public Comment**

Chairman Geiser opened the floor to those members of the public who attended. Exec. Dir. Stewart explained how the public has the ability to voice their thoughts on aspects of trash disposal or topics that they believe SWANN BOD should be aware of. This open time will be made available on agendas moving forward, to comply with State Open Meeting act. No members of the public were present for this meeting. Open session was closed, with Chairman Geiser continuing with BOD Meeting Agenda items.

### **Director's Report**

Exec. Dir. Stewart began the report with conversation regarding the following topics.

<u>Baler Building Update:</u> Exec. Dir., Jake Stewart discussed new activity associated with new building enabling dirt work/base foundation to begin upon weather permitting. Stewart noted what tasks were under way at the time of compiling this packet information. Mr. Stewart advised board he will continually provide updates as activities develop.

<u>Budget/Fee Discussion:</u> Exec. Dir. Stewart discussed the 25-26 proposed rate information included in the packet; pointing out that these proposed rates were for review and reference to board members to consider how they would impact the new FY budget for 25-26. No action was taken, beyond discussion of program details and financials, it was noted that the Board would finalize the budget at the next meeting on May 15th.

Community Site Cameras: Exec. Dir. Stewart provided slideshow presentation of variety of inappropriate disposed of debris, including illegal dumping situations. Most communities were represented in the slideshow. Different aspects of the disposal process were discussed, with discussion on the improvement efforts in Hay Springs being used as an example of how other community site locations will be updated moving forward. Cameras for security and safety were discussed, and how those installed in Chadron and Crawford improved the actions of those individuals using the sites with cameras installed. Sites set for new cameras will be Gordon, Harrison and Rushville. SWANN will open bid proceedings to determine who will be installing systems at those 3 locations. Some of the sites have the infrastructure in place for installation, while others will need additional preparation for installation to take place. With no timeline discussed of when action to would be taken, and no additional Board discussion, Chairman Geiser continued with the meeting.

#### **Executive Session**

With there being no need, the Board of Directors did not find it necessary to enter into executive session for the present meeting.

#### **Board of Directors Comments**

With no other Agency business; BOD Comments were asked for; Board Representatives did not have many topic comments to discuss, some questions were presented with Mr. Stewart providing additional information or details regarding topics that were brought up. Discussed location of the May meeting; inquiry as to status of construction at Chadron meeting chambers would be verified before determination of SWANN May BOD Meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board at 8:05 p.m., Chairman Geiser declared the meeting adjourned.

Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman