

REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING

June 25, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on June 25, 2025.

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke*, Amelia Grant*, Taylor Pohlman	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Loren Andrews, Paul Coster, Quixada Moore-Vissing	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Seth Hall, Danny Jackson*	(77.89/ea.)
SAD 7	Jerry White	(7.49)
SAD 8		(24.58)
St. George		(54.68)

Bobby Deetjen*, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr., Kristy Hastings, Student Services Coord., Joe Blakey, Technology Director; Nicholas Keeney*

*Attended via Zoom

Absent – Chris Polky, Yvonne Thomas, Matthew Speno

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 6:05 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 753.02**

PUBLIC COMMENT – Tori thanked Quixada for her service on the Region 8 Board and wished her well in her future endeavors

ADJUSTMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to approve the minutes of the regular May 28th board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 753.02

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Coster (77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes
Grant(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Pohlman (69.62): Yes	Polky (54.68): Absent	Speno(77.89): Abs
Thomas(24.58): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

FIRST NATIONAL WEALTH MANAGEMENT FUNDS UPDATE

Gary Stone discussed the performance of the wealth management fund and the yield since it's inception in 2022. He discussed the strategy of purchasing bonds over the course of six or months which placed the fund in a good position. Gary feels the federal reserve will begin lowering rates in the next several months which will overall help our portfolio. Taylor asked Gary how our portfolio should perform over the next six months.

BOARD APPROVAL OF REFERENDUM VOTING RESULTS

MOTION by Andrews, seconded by Manzi, to approve the regional budget referendum voting results

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 753.02

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Coster (77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes
Grant(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Pohlman (69.62): Yes	Polky (54.68): Absent	Speno(77.89): Absent
Thomas(24.58): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

BOARD APPROVAL OF 2025-26 MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION by Manzi, seconded by Jackson, to approve the board meeting schedule for 2025-26

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 753.02

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Coster (77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes
Grant(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Pohlman (69.62): Yes	Polky (54.68): Absent	Speno(77.89): Abs
Thomas(24.58): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

BOARD APPROVAL OF FIREFIGHTER/EMT TEACHER NOMINATION

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by Pohlman, to approve the hiring of Francis “Rick” Johnson in the Firefighting/EMT Instructor position

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 753.02

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Coster (77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes
Grant(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Pohlman (69.62): Yes	Polky (54.68): Absent	Speno(77.89): Abs
Thomas(24.58): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

BOARD APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

MOTION by White, seconded by Andrews, to approve the current Cooperative Agreement

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 753.02

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Coster (77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes
Grant(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Pohlman (69.62): Yes	Polky (54.68): Absent	Speno(77.89): Abs
Thomas(24.58): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

VOTE TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR FOR SUMMER HIRING

MOTION by White, seconded by Andrews, to approve the Director for hiring of any vacant positions over the summer

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 675.13

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Coster (77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes
Grant(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): No
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Pohlman (69.62): Yes	Polky (54.68): Absent	Speno(77.89): Abs
Thomas(24.58): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

The committee met and reviewed the warrants for May and June and the May 31st financial report.

MOTION by White, seconded by Andrews, to accept and approve the warrants for May and June and budget report for May.

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 753.02

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Coster (77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes
Grant(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Pohlman (69.62): Yes	Polky (54.68): Absent	Speno(77.89): Abs
Thomas(24.58): Absent	White(7.49): Yes	

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby informed the Board that we had a successful end to our school year. Our SkillsUSA group is in Atlanta today and are having a great time. All our CNA students passed their exams this year. Bobby thanked Quixada for her service on our Board and wished her good luck. Bob reported to the board that he and Bobby met last week to discuss his goals for the upcoming year. Paul asked Bobby for the latest on the Entrepreneurial program for the fall. Bobby advised we will be interviewing for the position in the coming month and the course is being advertised in the fall catalog.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Next Board Meeting: August 28, 2025

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary