



Official Proceedings of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board – February 7, 2023

At 11:01 a.m., Zone Director, Mandi Freije called the regular meeting (via Teams Meeting) of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board to order. Zone Board Members Steve Cichos, Gayle Nelson, Tracy Johnk, Allison Swenson, and Tom Overn were present. Absent was Shawn Olauson. Hannah Fisher, Eligibility Worker, Bailey Kristjanson, Child Welfare Worker, Wanda Larson, Jessica Alonge and Shannon Davis were present.

Nelson made a motion, seconded by Johnk, to approve the presented minutes. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried.

Overn made a motion to approve the presented vouchers, seconded by Nelson. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried.

New board member Allison Swenson, from Valley City was introduced and welcomed to the board. Swenson replaced previous board member Lisa Johnson.

Hannah Fisher, Eligibility Worker was introduced to the board. Fisher has been with the agency for three years and has had one year experience in South Dakota. She talked about the redesign that will go live on February 13, 2023.

Bailey Kristjanson, a Child Protection worker in the Child Welfare Unit was introduced to the board. Kristjanson has been with Buffalo Bridges for six months. Kristjanson explained this is her first job in the role and is getting used to the Jamestown area.

Election of officers was discussed. Overn made a motion to reelect Cichos as the Vice Presiding Officer and Nelson as the Secretary. Johnk seconded the motion, roll taken. Motion carried.

Freije informed the board a couple of child welfare workers started a pantry in the Jamestown office named “Bridge Together” In addition, a “Daily Bread” freezer has been brought to the Jamestown office. A food drive challenge between the courthouse and Buffalo Bridges is being held to help stock the pantry.

In other business, Freije updated the board on the complex youth.

The April 4, 2023, Zone Board meeting will be held both in person and virtually through Teams.

At 11:31 a.m., Overn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cichos. Motion carried.

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Mandi Freije, Zone Director

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Gayle Nelson, Secretary