

PIKE COUNTY 708 BOARD MEETING

01/29/2024

A regular meeting of the Pike County 708 Board was called to order by Chairperson Pollee Craven at 5:00 p.m. on Jan 29, 2024 , with the following members present:

Pollee Craven X

Christie Mendenhall

Dawn Collver X

Michelle Westbrook X

Sydney Himmelman

Reta Hoskin X

There was no public comment received.

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2023 meeting was made by Reta Hoskin, seconded by Michelle Westbrook.

Review of the Treasurer's report was conducted, with Michelle Westbrook making a motion for approval, seconded by Dawn Collver.

Discussion was held regarding the confirmation of Katie Zumwalt McConnell, who attended this month's meeting, as a new member of the 708 Board. Reta Hoskin stated that at this month's Pike County Board Meeting discussion, it was noted that appointees' terms should be defined before confirmation, so Katie's appointment was tabled. Chairperson Pollee Craven researched this in the 708 Board bylaws and found this to be correct. The 708 board designated Katie's term effective 2024 and expiring the last calendar day of 2027. Reta Hoskin will put the appointment confirmation on the agenda for the February Pike County Board meeting.

There was one Emergent grant request from Brandi Pennock for a therapy dog for use at Pikeland Community School. The application was found to lack the necessary

paperwork from the Pikeland School Board and agreement between the school district and handler, so these documents will be requested from Mrs. Pennock for final consideration.

Chairperson Pollee Craven confirmed with Treasurer Christie Mendenhall via phone that a prior emergent grant application from Michelle Gates for a therapy dog for use the the Griggsville-Perry school district did indeed contain the necessary paperwork from the GP school board to proceed with processing the request. Discussion was also held regarding the request by Michelle Gates to increase the original requested amount for additional anticipated expenses. 708 board members opted to keep the amount at the original requested of \$5000.

Board member Christie Mendenhall suggested raising the amount for major grant funding from the current amount of \$120,000 to \$150,000.

Board Member Reta Hoskin mentioned the following non-profits/agencies as potential future recipients of grant funding: Central Illinois Service Access (CISA), Lincoln, IL; Adams & Pike Regional Office of Education Early Intervention; Kopley House; and Clarity Health (substance abuse). Reta will also check into publishing information on grants offered by the 708 Board.

The board discussed inviting to a future board meeting: Pike County Probation, the Sheriff's Office, and Public Defender to discuss the 708 Board's possible assistance with services for residents in need.

Board Member Dawn Collver will talk with Pikeland Schools Superintendent Todd Fox to get information about Chestnut Counseling Services and its benefits to the students of the district and invite him to the next 708 Board meeting.

The following action items were voted upon following discussion of agenda items:

1. Motion by Collver, seconded by Hoskin, to approve Katie Zumwalt McConnell as a member of the Pike County 708 Board. Motion approved 4-0.
2. Motion by Westbrook, seconded by Collver, to approve emergent grant request by Griggsville-Perry School District (Michelle Gates); also, pending receipt of other necessary documents, approval of the Pikeland School District's (Brandi Pennock) request. Motion approved 4-0.
3. Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Westbrook, to approve raising the amount of the major grant funding to \$150,000. Motion approved 4-0.

The next meeting will be held on April 29, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the Pike County Courthouse.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,