

Seward County Aging Services Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes 2/22/24
Seward Civic Center, Seward NE

The meeting of the Seward County Aging Advisory Board was called to order on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 7:03 p.m. by Alison Rook, Program Manager. She announced that the open meetings act was available to all present & the pledge of allegiance was recited. Roll call was completed & the following board members were present: Steph Meyer, Susan Burkey, Donna Havener, Kelley Burianek, Glenda Dobbertien, Jean Eggleston, Kathy Stych, Greg Holloway, Mary Reetz, Shawna Agena, & Raegan Hain. Not present, Don Olson.

Each member introduced them & stated why they chose to serve on the board, followed by nominations for election of the Chairperson. Jean Eggleston nominated Steph Meyer for Chairperson & Mary Reetz seconded the nomination. Greg Holloway moved to cease nominations & that a unanimous ballot be cast for Steph Meyer. Raegan Hain seconded the motion. Roll call vote with a response of 11 yes & one absent not present.

Steph Meyer assumed the roll of leading the meeting as Chairperson & called for nominations for Chairperson-elect. Kelly Burianek nominated herself. Greg Holloway moved to cease nominations & that a unanimous ballot be cast for Kelly Burianek. Raegan Hain seconded the motion. Roll call, 11 for one absent not voting.

Steph Meyer called for nominations of the board clerk. A brief discussion was held regarding the roles of the board clerk. Susan Burkey nominated Shawna Agena & Jean Eggleston moved to cease nominations & that a unanimous ballot be cast for Shawna Agena. Roll call completed with 11 for & one absent not voting.

The board reviewed the bylaws which were provided before and at the meeting. The clerk will track rotating terms on a 2-year basis. Future potential board members will be required to submit an application, which the current Board will create using examples from other area projects. Current board members will create biographies and send to Program Manager Alison Rook.

Future Business – The board reviewed the 2023 Seward County Report and discussed how we can reach more people and provide more services. There is a possibility for future fund-raising activities for programming as well as potential grants. Alison Rook reviewed the structure of fund. Alison Rook proposed listening sessions in each community to provide aid, resources, and fun. Some communities have had pop-up events in the past offering information sessions, blood pressure screening, other health and wellness information and conversation. The next phase to be reviewed at the May meeting is how can we communicate and advertise in each village.

The next meeting will be held on 5/16/24, 7 PM at 322 S 14th St. in Seward, NE.