

**Meeting Minutes: Governmental Affairs Committee****Date/Time:** September 30, 2021 – 7:30 a.m.**Location:** District Office**Start:** 7:31 a.m.**End:** 8:11a.m.**Committee Members Present:** Robin Nelson, Brian Nelson, Dr. Tracie Newman (via phone), Nikkie Gullickson**Committee Members Absent:** Jim Johnson**Board Members Present:** Rebecca Knutson and Jennifer Benson (via phone)**Staff Members Present:** Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp and Tara Brandner**Recorder:** JoLynn Mathern

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
<b>Approval of April 16 Meeting</b>	Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 16 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
<b>Meeting Dates</b>	Committee will meet the first Tuesday of the month beginning January 4, 2022.	
<b>Identify Committee Goals</b>	<p>Committee reviewed GP7 regarding the purpose and means of this Committee. No updates were requested. Committee welcomed District Counsel Tara Brandner who will be reviewing recently passed bills and actively participating in the 2023 legislative session.</p> <p>Committee would like to be proactive in working with local legislators and Senator Schaible regarding bills to be presented in the next session. Committee suggested inviting Alexis Baxley to January meeting to provide interim committee feedback and discuss contract options for short-term/ESSER funded positions.</p> <p>Committee expressed interest in increased communication with local legislators; however, social gatherings have many guidelines and restrictions.</p> <p>Committee needs to be aware of southside city zoning changes as farmland is zoned residential and commercial.</p>	
<b>Redistricting</b>	Committee discussed possible changes due to local legislative redistricting which occurs every 10 years following the census. Locally, Districts 27, 44, and 45 could be affected.	
<b>Interim Legislative Committees Update</b>	Committee reviewed information regarding the Education Policy Committee, Education Funding Committee and Retirement Committee. Discussion occurred.	
<b>Next Meeting:</b> January 4, 2022		