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Chairman's Report

1. Board Office and Board Room Modernization and Updating

At this point, we should have updates as to the Board Office modernization. I met with John Malloy, WCICC Director, and Kenny Schmitz, Building Services Director, a couple weeks back in order to address updating the downstairs Board Room for the public. Our focus initially will be on the audio-visual upgrades that were discussed including improved audio with boundary microphone, permanently affixing the speakers, better packaging visually of sound equipment (lowering to neaten appearance), and in connection with KES looking at live-streaming. This would potentially give our constituents the ability to see/hear our business live as well as media who could cover our meetings, something open transparency encourages and invites. While this had been looked at previously, it sounds that this is well within the realm of what can potentially be done without much of a prohibitive extra cost, especially concurrently with already-scheduled upgrades.

2. Western Iowa Tech Resolution and Event

In the next couple weeks, we will consider a resolution I have reviewed in which we will honor the outstanding contribution over the last 50 years of Western Iowa Tech. Please "Save the Date" of August 19 as we are being invited to Western Iowa Tech as a Board along with other elected officials for a celebration in which I will plan to make a few remarks and we have a good opportunity to be there as a full Board.

3. Honoring Resolutions

If you have anyone who has demonstrated outstanding community involvement, please let me know. I plan to look to the Red Cross and an individual who has helped with notifications for military personnel; if you have someone else in mind, let me know.

4. Push Notifications and Calendars

Please let us know if you are / are not getting notifications. One of the measures that we have taken is that you should be getting properly notified of meetings that the Board Office is tracking. With as much scheduling and committee work as there is, you should be receiving a Meeting Invite with Response for any scheduled meetings. If it is not happening, we should know about it. For meetings outside our organization only involving a supervisor, the meeting notice will only go to that particular supervisor, e.g. Siouxland District Health, Siouxland Economic Development Corporation. Otherwise, meetings set up by us will go from the Board Office to several individuals, e.g. Rural Economic Development Committee or Law Enforcement Expansion Committee.