EXECUTIVE MEETING

I. Call to Order: Mr. Crowl called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

II. Roll Call
   a. Roll call was taken. Members present constituted a majority of a quorum.

III. Closed Session
   a. Mr. Crowl stated that there was need for Closed Session and called for a motion to go into Closed Session. Mr. Fletcher motioned to enter Closed Session. Dr. Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote at 8:06 a.m. The Executive Board entered closed session to discuss:
      a. the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
      b. Mr. Fletcher motioned to exit Closed Session, and Mr. Whitsitt seconded the motion. The Executive Board exited closed session at 8:07 a.m. by voice vote.

IV. Action Items as a Result of Closed Session
   a. No action was needed.

V. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments
   a. Katie Jennings was a visitor.
   b. There were no public comments.

VI. Approval of Minutes
   a. Mr. Crowl called for a motion to approve the Open Sessions Minutes from the July 12, 2022 Regular Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Fletcher motioned to approve the minutes, and Mr. Whitsitt seconded. The Executive Board approved the Minutes by voice vote.

VII. Approval of Consent Agenda
   a. Mr. Crowl called for a motion to approve table the Consent Agenda
      Dr. Dunlap motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for June and July Payroll Claims and the June 2022 Treasurer’s Report and to table the Board Bills due to issues with transitioning to Skyward. Mr. Whitsitt seconded the motions. The Executive Board approved the motions by roll call vote.

VIII. Administrative Reports
   a. Knox-Warren Special Education District
      1) Mr. Crowl reported on a potential property being considered for the Cooperative’s Administrative offices as well as for a day school for students with disabilities. The property consisted of four buildings. After touring the facilities, Mr. Crowl announced that an architect
firm was working on a feasibility study. Members were told that additional information was scheduled for a future meeting.

2) Members were reminded that the deadline for the FY23 grant submissions was approaching.

3) Mr. Crowl stated that multiple paraprofessional positions needed to be filled.

4) It was announced that the first longevity bonus was distributed during the August 12, 2022 payroll.

5) Mr. Crowl presented information regarding the recent bank merger and problems resulting from that action. Mr. Crowl also announced that Knox-Warren Special Education District was looking at switching banks due to issues with customer service, low interest rates and technical mistakes during payroll ACH transactions.

6) Members were updated on the process of Arrowhead Ranch becoming a day school.

IX. Discussion Items
   a. Mr. Crowl presented an amendment to the Joint Agreement regarding the Cooperative’s ability to purchase property.
   b. Members discussed the idea of creating a potential reimbursement policy for teacher overload.
   c. Mr. Crowl presented information regarding Knox-Warren Special Education District’s salary agreement. Mr. Crowl stated that for the Cooperative to remain competitive, an increase needed to be considered. Members discussed the issues revolving around the pay rate for paraprofessionals and the impact it had on hiring and keeping personnel. Mr. Fletcher requested a salary study for the next meeting.

X. Action Items
   The members took action on the following items.
   a. Mr. Crowl called for a motion for the approval of the Employment of Personnel in the Attached Personnel Report. Mr. Whitsitt motioned to approve the Personnel Report, and Dr. Dunlap seconded the motion. The Executive Board approved the motion by roll-call vote.

XI. Comments by Executive Board
   a. There were no comments from the Executive Board.

XII. Future Agenda Items
   a. Property Search
   b. Staffing Needs
   c. Blue Ribbon Panel

XIII. Future Meeting Date and Time
   The date for the next Executive Board meeting was set for September 27, 2022 at 8:00 am in the Regional Office of Education’s conference room at 105 N. E Street, Monmouth, IL 61462.

XIV. Adjourn
   Mr. Crowl asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fletcher made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Whitsitt seconded the motion. The Executive Board approved the motion to adjourn by voice-vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 am.