

New Opportunities, Inc.
Board Meeting Via ZOOM and in Person
MINUTES
Thursday, February 29, 2024
4:00 p.m.

- I. Board Training: New Opportunities Food Insecurity Solutions: Food Pantries, Mobile Food Pantries, Community Gardens, Backpack Food Programs, Food Rescue Programs and more! Presented by Heidi Billmeier, Calhoun County Family Development Center Coordinator.
- II. Meeting was called to order by Board President Eugene Meiners at 4:25 p.m.

- A. Welcome and Introductions.

- Present: **IN-PERSON:** Jon Hays, Eugene Meiners, Dan Benitz, Mike Fischer, Jerome Kuster, Carolyn Masters, and Carl Legore
VIA-ZOOM: Terry Striegel, Cindy Wallace, Kim Denman, Deb Lightner and Denis James

- Excused: Heath Hansen, Erica Burris, Peg Hamilton, Mark Hanson and Tim Farmer

- Staff Present: Chad Jensen, CEO; Sheri Mertz, CFO; Jenni Schlichte, Board Recorder
Darcy Dailey, HR Assistant, Heidi Billmeier, Calhoun County FDC
Coordinator.

- B. A motion was made for the approval of the January 25, 2024, Board Minutes by Carl Legore and seconded by Dan Benitz. Motion carried.

- III. CFO Reports – Sheri Mertz

- A. Sheri discussed with the Board the financial reports ending January 31, 2024. There was general discussion of various line items. A motion was made to accept the financial reports ending January 31, 2024, by Jerome Kuster and seconded by Mike Fischer. Motion carried.
 - B. Sheri presented to the Board the Family Development and Self-Sufficiency Program (FaDSS) Budget Amendment. The amendment reallocated funds between various budget categories and requested an extension of the contract end date to 9-30-2024. A motion was made by Carolyn Masters and seconded by Deb Lightner to approve the FaDDS Budget Amendment. Motion carried.

- IV. CEO Reports – Chad Jensen

- A. Award Parking Garage Contract to General Contractor. Chad has stated that this is on hold at this time pending discussion with general contractor.