

CENTRAL NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2014

Present:

This face-to-face meeting was held at the Valley County Chambers of Commerce/Economic Development Office in Ord, NE. Prior to the board meeting, there was a CNEDD Board Training session facilitated by Nicole Sedladek with Holt County Economic Development on Strengths Training. Chairperson Nikki Johnston called the meeting to order at 12:41pm and roll was taken with the following board members in attendance: Nikki Johnston – O’Neill; Trevor Lee - Ord; Kristine Gale - Bassett; Larry Griffith – Sherman County; Rocky Richardson - Cody. Also in attendance was Fred Meyers (Long Pine) and Don Schmaderer (Stuart). Staff members in attendance were Judy Petersen, Director; Kathy Drake, Community Development Project Manager; and Linda Hazen, Grant/Finance Manager.

A motion was entertained to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the July 22, 2014 Board of Directors meeting minutes; Financial Report for July 31, 2014; and the approval of claims totaling \$17,402.74. **There being no questions or corrections concerning the above mentioned items, a motion was made by Larry Griffith and seconded by Kristine Gale to approve the consent agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Old Business:

Conflict of Interest Policy: Judy Petersen handed out the Conflict of Interest Policy to board members and staff present and asked them to complete and return before leaving the meeting. She indicated that she would mail policies to those board members not present and have them return their response.

CNEDD 2013-2014 Budget vs Actual Report: The Budget vs Actual Report for the remaining six months of the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year was reviewed and discussed. Judy Petersen informed the CNEDD board that two regional housing grants were submitted and not funded and that two Housing CDBG grants for Valentine and O’Neill were submitted and we are still waiting to hear if grants will be awarded.

Nuisance Program Report: The Central Nebraska Nuisance Code Enforcement Program Report for 2014 To Date was submitted and reviewed. Through the Central Nebraska Housing Developers Technical Assistance Grant, 171 properties in Stuart; 325 properties in Atkinson and 150 properties in Ainsworth were inspected. There have also been 75 properties in Ainsworth and 152 properties in Taylor through CNEDD Fees for Service. A total of 329 courtesy letters between all the listed communities have been sent and Nuisance Declaration meetings have been scheduled in some of the communities.

New Business:

CNEDD Website Review: Judy Petersen presented to the board for their review and comments the three areas of the website that staff has been focusing efforts of improvements on. They are Business, Community Development and Housing. Suggestions given from members of the board for improvements to consider is to have a “Back to the top” button at the bottom of the Business section along with “Links to the Economic Developers within the region.

CNEDD Conference Planning: Ideas and topics for an annual conference were shared and considered. Members present were excited about the idea and possible topics were Comprehensive Planning and Zoning; Business Opportunities/Reap; LB840 & TIFF. The possible suggested months to hold conference were November and January.

Committee Reports

None at this time

Information Items:

Information Sharing: Judy shared with the board member that the new Low to Moderate Income levels were just released and the new levels for some communities in our region are considerably lower and will have a negative impact on their grant eligibility, unless a Needs Study is done and results are different than the nation-wide survey.

The next CNEDD Board of Director’s meeting was set for September 16, 2014 by conference call and the Council of Officials meeting will be set for some time in October.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trevor Lee and seconded by Kristine Gale to adjourn the August Board of Director’s meeting at 2:01 pm. All present ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Hazen
Finance Manager