

CENTRAL NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2014

Present

This meeting was held as a conference call with public meeting locations at the Sherman County Courthouse in Loup City, the Valley County Economic Development office in Ord, the North Central RC&D office in Bassett and the City Office in O'Neill. Chairperson Niki Johnston called the meeting to order at 10:04am and roll call was taken with the following board members in attendance: Niki Johnston (O'Neill), Lou Ann Tooker (O'Neill), Kristine Gale (Bassett), T.J.Ellermeier (Bassett), and Trevor Lee (Ord). Also in attendance was Vicki Pacena (O'Neill) and Fred Myers (Bassett). Staff members in attendance were Judy Petersen, Director (O'Neill), Linda Hazen, Grant/Finance Manager (O'Neill), and Kathy Drake, Community Development Project Manager (Ord).

A motion was entertained to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the May 20, 2014 Board of Directors meeting minutes, the May 20, 2014 Council of Officials meeting minutes, approval of claims totaling \$17,873.87, and the ratification of the June 2014 claims totaling \$4,991.42. **There being no questions or corrections concerning the above mentioned items, a motion was made by Trevor Lee and seconded by Kristine Gale to approve the consent agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Old Business

Council of Officials Meeting Report: Judy Petersen thanked all for attending. A general overview was given and a report on the website construction was presented.

Membership Drive Report: During the months of April, May and June, Judy has met with most of the District members explaining how the District is moving forward. A mailing will go out this date to schedule meetings with the rest of the membership.

EDA 2013-14 Final Grant Report: Additional information was required. The report was re-submitted with in-depth information and good details.

EDA 2014-2015 Grant Upcoming: Necessary documentation was provided showing that the required matching funds were in place. This was possible through the NIFA grant of \$25,000 that was received by CNHD. CNEDD was awarded 100% of the grant - \$61,000. EDA has approved the grant and notice has been received.

New Business

CNEDD Website: (cnedd.org) The CEDS report has been put on the website. Some pages are still under construction but are coming along. There will be links to various organizations and communities, along with pages for business, economic development, tourism, housing, disaster recovery, etc. Job postings will also be included.

Nuisance Program Report: Initial inspection has been done on four communities. The second inspections will be scheduled next.

Committee Reports

None at this time

Informational Items

Many phone calls for assistance are being received: Blaine County Foundation is interested in housing, as well as Springview. Sherman County is interested in an elevator for the Court House, and O'Neill is interested in a grant for playground equipment.

Kathy is working on a housing rehabilitation program for Valentine and O'Neill; Linda continues to work on finances – CNHD just finished being audited and the results were very good.

The next meeting will be on August 19, 2014 from 9:30am-3:00pm with the location being the Valley County Economic Development office in Ord.

There being no further business a motion was made by Trevor Lee and seconded by Lou Ann Tooker to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:48am.

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Secretary