

CENTRAL NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2014

This meeting was held at the Bonfire Grill in Broken Bow, NE. There were eight directors present, along with five council of officials members, and three staff members. Pat Compton, from NDED, was also present.

Nikki Johnston, Chairperson, phoned in to say she was going to be delayed and that we should start the meeting without her. Kristine Gale, board member, opened this meeting at 10:05am, noting the location of the Open Meetings Act poster. Self-introductions followed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was entertained to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the September 16, 2014 Board of Director's meeting minutes, the Financial Report for September 30, 2014, and the Approval of Claims, totaling \$17,975.21. **This motion was made by Larry Griffith and seconded by TJ Ellermeier. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Old Business

See Council of Officials meeting agenda.

New Business

None

Next Meeting

The next CNEDD Board of Directors meeting will be held in Burwell on November 18th at 10am. Location will be announced.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Larry Griffith and seconded by John Madsen to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 10:13am.

Nikki Johnston arrived at 10:15am and board member Rocky Richards arrived at 10:22am.

At this time the Council of Officials annual meeting took place.

LATooker
Secretary

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This meeting was held at the Bonfire Grill in Broken Bow and took place immediately following the CNEDD Board of Directors meeting. There were eight directors present, along with five council of officials members, and three staff members. Pat Compton, from NDED, was also present.

This meeting was called to order at 10:21am by Nikki Johnston, Chairperson of the CNEDD Board of Directors.

CNEDD/CNHD – Review of Programs

Judy Petersen, Executive Director of Central Nebraska Economic Development District and Central Nebraska Housing Developers, reviewed both programs, their relationship to each other and the services they provide. Besides continuously working on membership, she is currently working with an accountant to determine the possibility of CNEDD becoming a Nonprofit Development Organization (NDO). This would be beneficial to both CNEDD & CNHD and their membership.

Economic Development Administration Peer Review Report

Judy explained her trip to the NADO (National Association of Development Officials) Conference in Denver and the workshop at EDA. We receive a grant from EDA (funds actually through the Department of Commerce) to operate our program. This led to Nikki explaining the actual review that took place. Jane Reimer and Mark Werthmann, both with EDA conducted the Peer Review, along with one of Judy's "peers" from South Dakota. The Peer Review was held in O'Neill on September 23, 2014 to discuss all aspects of CNEDD. Staff of CNEDD and board members were invited to attend this review. All in attendance felt the meeting went very well and was quite informative. EDA personnel felt that Judy and her staff were heading in the right direction with their management of the program. Judy wanted to make it quite clear to the Council of Officials that CNEDD is on probation with EDA at this time: we currently receive our funding on a reimbursement basis and reports are due to EDA every two months. As our district progresses, this situation will improve. The board members in attendance at the peer review felt it was a very positive experience. A written report will come from EDA to let us know their determination of the review. Judy is hoping to have this by the end of October to share with all.

CNEDD Board Policies

The review of all policies with EDA is necessary and is happening. At this time the ratification of all policies submitted needs to take place. There were no questions from the Council of Officials regarding any of the current policies.

Motion was made by Ellis Schrunk and seconded by Linda Green to approve the ratification of the policies submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

2014-2015 Strategic Plan

Judy reviewed the Strategic Plan which is located in the CNEDD manual. Points touched on included the marketing plan – a marketing committee has been formed; monthly newsletters will be going out to members and to other entities as well, more emphasis will be placed on social media and funding is being sought for website development. Other items in the Strategic Plan were also discussed.

Governing Board Appointments

Changes on the Council of Officials were requested as follows: Kristine Gale (Bassett) will accept being on the Council of Officials for region 1 for another 3 years; Gay Magary (Johnstown) will replace Tammy McGeorge (Butte) on the Council

of Officials for region 1, and Ellis Schrunk (Wheeler County) will replace Trevor Lee (Valley County) in region 2 on the Council of Officials for 3 years. **A motion to accept these changes was made by Rocky Richards and seconded by Larry Griffith. All ayes. Motion approved.**

At this time officer elections took place. Kristine Gale nominated Nikki Johnston for the position of chairperson. **A motion was made by John Madsen and seconded by Rocky Richards to re-elect Nikki Johnston as Chairperson. All ayes. Motion carried.** Nikki Johnston nominated Kristine Gale as Vice-Chairperson. **A motion was made by Larry Griffith and seconded by John Madsen to elect Kristine Gale as Vice-Chairperson. All ayes. Motion carried.** Kristine Gale nominated Lou Ann Tooker as Secretary. **A motion was made by Linda Green and seconded by Kristine Gale to elect Lou Ann Tooker as secretary. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Upcoming Annual Conference

Plans are being made for a CNEDD/CNHD conference to be held in either February or March. There is money budgeted for this but also sponsorship and/or vendors may be sought after. The location has yet been determined. Keynote speaker(s) are being considered – all suggestions go to Judy Petersen. More information will be forthcoming.

At this time Officials reported on what was happening in their community/county.

There being no further business, a motion was made by John Madsen and seconded by Ellis Schrunk to adjourn this meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:58pm.

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