

CENTRAL NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2014

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 offices in Ord, the North Central Nebraska RC&D office in Bassett, and the City Office in O'Neill. The following directors were present: Nikki Johnston, Lou Ann Tooker, Kristine Gale, T.J. Ellermeier, and Trevor Lee. The following staff members were present: Judy Petersen, Kathy Drake, and Linda Hazen.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nikki Johnston at 9:59am and Open Meetings Act posters were noted at each location. Roll Call was taken and self-introductions were made.

Consent Agenda

A motion was entertained to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the August 19, 2014 Board of Directors' meeting minutes, the Financial Report for August 31, 2014, and the Approval of Claims totaling \$16,487.17. **This motion was made by Trevor Lee and seconded by Kristine Gale. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Old Business

CNEDD Conference Planning: this is in the planning stages. The conference will possibly be held in January or February with the location yet to be determined. Topics will cover both CNHD and CNEDD with sessions together and also break-outs.

New Business

General Admin. Contract: Valley County has received a grant to distribute Housing Down Payment Assistance funds. They would like to hire CNEDD to administer the grant. A sample contract between CNEDD and Valley County was distributed in the board packets. Service fees, approved NDED rates, are included in the contract. **A motion was made by Trevor Lee and seconded by Lou Ann Tooker to approve this contract as written and to accept the administration of the grant. All ayes. Motion carried.**

NADO Training Report: This report was in the board packet. Judy reported she felt it was a wonderful opportunity to attend this conference. She came away with numerous ideas that may benefit our organization.

EDA Peer Review: This will take place on September 23, 2014 at the Community Center in O'Neill, 8:45am. Board members were encouraged to attend. Jane Reimer will be out from Denver, along with others to review CNEDD. It is noted that our last two peer reviews did not go well. We are looking for a more positive outcome from this year's review.

Marketing Committee: Some board members were identified as "influencers" according to the Gallop Strength Finder survey taken. Judy would like these members to form a marketing committee. The new committee consists of Kristine Gale, T.J. Ellermeier and Judy will ask Larry Griffith if he would participate on this committee also.

Informational Items

Term limits of some board members are now up for review. Kristine Gale volunteered to renew her position for another three year term. Trevor Lee's term is expiring, but he agreed to be a Council of Officials member for Valley County. Judy will discuss term limits with Tammy McGeorge.

The cities of Valentine and O'Neill did not receive the housing grant requested – CDBG cannot be used as matching funds. Judy will get the score sheets to determine how things were evaluated and try again next year.

Grant requests have been submitted for maintenance on the swimming pool in O'Neill and for an elevator for the Sherman County courthouse.

Judy plans on talking with the CNHD auditor regarding NDOs.

Judy will plan on meeting with communities and discussing memberships during the months of September and October.

The next meeting location will be announced.

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Kristine Gale and seconded by Lou Ann Tooker. All ayes. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 10:53am.

LATooker
Secretary