

## October 2016 Newsletter



## Community Services Expanded in Central Nebraska Region

The Central Nebraska Economic Development District's (CNEDD) Board of Directors and Council of Officials met on September 28, 2016 in O'Neill to consider the District's Strategic Plan for 2016-2017.

This year's strategic plan includes several new initiatives the District will launch on behalf of our dues-paying members in the region, including:

- ◆ Marketing vacant lots and building on the State of Nebraska's LOIS website for site selectors and individuals looking for future business locations.
- ◆ Delivering education on business resiliency and transition
- ◆ Providing business and entrepreneurial education for start-ups and business improvement
- ◆ Developing plans to address barriers to business growth and workforce attraction
- ◆ Helping attract people to live and work in our rural communities
- ◆ Providing updates on bills being considered by the Legislature

The Board of Directors appointed Ed Brown from Long Pine to fill a vacant Board of Directors position. Also, the Council of Officials re-appointed Nikki Schwanz (O'Neill), Lou Ann Tooker (Atkinson), Rocky Richards (Cody), and TJ Ellermeier (Rock County) to another 3-year term on the Board of Directors.

CNEDD would like to thank the following counties and communities for their leadership and input during last week's Council of Official's meeting: Keya Paha County, Rock County, Sherman County, Wheeler County, Atkinson, Bassett, Bartlett, Broken Bow,

Burwell, Butte, Johnstown, Long Pine, Loup City, O'Neill, Spencer, Springview, Stuart, and Taylor.

The Central Nebraska Economic Development District partners with counties and communities to Improve Communities, Expand Business, Enrich Education, and Enhance Housing. CNEDD service area includes the following 14 counties in Central Nebraska: Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Holt, Keya Paha, Loup, Rock, Sherman, Valley and Wheeler.

For more information about the District's services and programs, visit [www.cnedd.org](http://www.cnedd.org) or call 402-340-0106.

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### **Tish Tielke Newest CNEDD Staff Member**

CNEDD is proud to have Tish Tielke join us as our Bookkeeper/Assistant. Tish is working out of the CNEDD office in Atkinson, and comes to us with a background of office and retail management. She makes her home in Atkinson with her husband Dustin and son Cooper.

Welcome Tish!!!



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