

NORTHEAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. – NED, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

City of Columbus Offices – Mayor’s Office, 2424 14th St, Columbus, NE 68601
City of Hartington Offices – Conference Room, 107 W. State St., Hartington, NE 68739
City of Norfolk Offices – Training Room, 309 N 5th St, Norfolk, NE 68701
West Point Chamber of Commerce – 200 Anna Stalp Ave, West Point, NE 68788
Wayne Chamber of Commerce – 108 W. 3rd St., Wayne, NE 68787

MINUTES

I. Call to Order: The Northeast Economic Development, Inc. (NED, Inc.) Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by NED, Inc. President Loren Kucera. Loren Kucera informed the public about the location of the Open Meetings Act LB 898 and that it is accessible to the public.

II. Roll Call: NENEDD Executive Director Thomas Higginbotham, read roll call.

Board Members Present:

Loren Kucera, NED, Inc. President, Nebraska Business Development Center (NBDC),
Wayne (Norfolk)

Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, NED, Inc. Vice President, West Point Chamber of Commerce (West
Point)

John F. Lohr, NED, Inc. Secretary/Treasurer, NeighborWorks, Northeast Nebraska,
Columbus (Columbus)

Nancy Braden, NED, Inc. Board Member, City of Wayne (Wayne)

Jerry Engdahl, NED, Inc. Board Member, Platte County (Columbus)

Megan Weaver, NED, Inc. Board Member, Wayne Community Housing Development
Corporation (Wayne)

Brad Albers, NED, Inc. Board Member, Pierce County Commissioner (Norfolk)

Board Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Thomas L. Higginbotham Jr., NENEDD (Norfolk)

Tina M. Engelbart, NENEDD (Norfolk)

Jeff Christensen, NENEDD (Norfolk)

Mayor Shannon Stuchlik, NENEDD Chairman, City of Pierce (Norfolk)

Dick Pfeil, NENEDD Vice Chairman, Norfolk City Council (Norfolk)

Rich Jablonski, NENEDD Secretary/Treasurer, City of Columbus (Columbus)

Nadine Hagedorn, NENEDD Board Member, BankFirst (West Point)

Christian Ohl, NENEDD Board Member, Madison County Commissioner (Norfolk)

Scott Schaller, NENEDD Board Member, City of Fremont (West Point)

Dan Kathol, NENEDD Board Member, Hartington Community Development Corporation
(Hartington)

Jim McCarville, NENEDD Board Member, Northeast Community College (Norfolk)

Judy Mutzenberger, NENEDD Board Member, Cuming County (West Point)

- III. Introduction of Guests:** NED, Inc. President Loren Kucera asked everyone attending the meeting to introduce themselves to the group.
- IV. Secretary's Report**
- A. Approval of November 29, 2017 Agenda & October 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes:** Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong made a motion to approve the November 29, 2017 agenda and October 25, 2017 meeting minutes. Jerry Engdahl seconded the motion. **AYES:** Nancy Braden, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Jerry Engdahl, Loren Kucera, Brad Albers, Megan Weaver and John Lohr. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. Motion carried.
- V. Treasurer's Report**
- A. October 2017 Treasurer's Report:** NENEDD Executive Director Thomas Higginbotham presented the report. Nancy Braden made a motion to approve the October 2017 Treasurer's Report as presented. John Lohr seconded the motion. **AYES:** Nancy Braden, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Jerry Engdahl, Loren Kucera, Brad Albers, Megan Weaver and John Lohr. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. Motion carried.
- VI. Action Items**
- A. Acceptance of Northeast Economic Development, Inc. Audit:** NENEDD Executive Director Thomas Higginbotham presented. Board members were presented the Fiscal Year 2017 audit at the October 2017 meeting and had time to review to address any questions or concerns. Nancy Braden made a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2017 Northeast Economic Development, Inc. audit as presented. Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong seconded the motion. **AYES:** Nancy Braden, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Jerry Engdahl, Loren Kucera, Brad Albers, Megan Weaver and John Lohr. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. Motion carried.
- B. Approve a \$35,000 loan to Curtis Luettel, d/b/a The Stirred Pot - Albion:** NENEDD Business Loan Specialist Jeff Christensen presented. Curtis Luettel is wishing to start a restaurant on Main Street of Albion, serving lunch and dinner. Instead of purchasing and installing traditional kitchen equipment in the leased building, Curtis will purchase a new completely furnished 18' mobile kitchen trailer to be located adjacent to the building where food preparation will be done. There will be no bank involved in this project. John Lohr made a motion to approve a NED, Inc. loan of \$35,000 to Curtis Luettel, to start his business The Stirred Pot in Albion, as presented and recommended by NENEDD staff and the Northeast RLF Committee. Nancy Braden seconded the motion. **AYES:** Nancy Braden, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Jerry Engdahl, Loren Kucera, Brad Albers, Megan Weaver and John Lohr. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. Motion carried.
- VIII. President/Board Comments:** Nancy Braden announced that this would be her last meeting as she is retiring at the end of December. NED, Inc. President Loren Kucera thanked her for her service.
- IX. Next Meeting Date:** The next Northeast Economic Development, Inc. Board of Directors meeting will be Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held by conference call. The call locations will be publicized December 27, 2017

VIII. Adjournment: Nancy Braden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong seconded the motion. **AYES:** Nancy Braden, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Jerry Engdahl, Loren Kucera, Brad Albers, Megan Weaver and John Lohr. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. Motion carried. NED, Inc. President Loren Kucera adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.