

**NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT - NENEDD  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019 – 7:15 P.M.**

**City of Norfolk Offices – Training Room, 309 N 5<sup>th</sup> St, Norfolk, NE 68701  
West Point Chamber of Commerce – 200 Anna Stalp Ave, West Point, NE 68788  
City of Hartington Offices – Conference Room, 107 W State St, Hartington, NE 68739  
The Wakefield Civic Center – 407 E 7<sup>th</sup>, Wakefield, NE 68784**

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order:** The Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD) Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Chairman Rich Jablonski. Rich Jablonski 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 Fiscal Officer Kristen Rosner read roll call.

**Board Members Present:**

Rich Jablonski, Chairman, City of Columbus (Norfolk)  
Troy Uhler, Madison County (Norfolk)  
Dan Kathol, Hartington Community Development Corporation (Hartington)  
Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, West Point Chamber of Commerce (West Point)  
Glen Ellis, City of Fremont (West Point)  
Gary Jackson, City of Norfolk (Norfolk)  
Judy Mutzenberger, Cuming County (West Point)

**Board Members Absent:**

Loren Kucera, Nebraska Business Development Center (NBDC), Wayne

**Others Present:**

Thomas L. Higginbotham, Jr., NENEDD (Norfolk)  
Tina M. Engelbart, NENEDD (Norfolk)  
Kristen Rosner, NENEDD (Norfolk)  
Jeff Christensen, NENEDD (Norfolk)  
Judy Joy, NENEDD (Norfolk)  
John F. Lohr, City of Columbus (Norfolk)  
Jerry Engdahl, Platte County (Norfolk)  
Megan Weaver, Wakefield Progressive, Inc. (Wakefield)  
Carl Pearson, Burt County (West Point)

**III. Introduction of Guests:** Rich Jablonski asked everyone attending the meeting to introduce themselves to the group.

**IV. Secretary's Report**

**A. Consideration to approve the October 30, 2019 Agenda and the September 25, 2019**

**Minutes:** NENEDD Executive Director Thomas L. Higginbotham, Jr. presented. Troy Uhler made a motion to approve the October 30, 2019 agenda the September 25, 2019 minutes. Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong seconded the motion. **Ayes:** Glen Ellis, Gary Jackson, Judy Mutzenberger, Troy Uhler, Dan Kathol, Rich Jablonski and Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Loren Kucera. Motion carried.

**V. Treasurer's Report**

**A. Acceptance of the September 2019 Treasurer's Report:** NENEDD Fiscal Officer Kristen Rosner Presented the report. Troy Uhlir made a motion to accept the September 2019 Treasurer's Report. Gary Jackson seconded the motion. **Ayes:** Glen Ellis, Gary Jackson, Judy Mutzenberger, Troy Uhlir, Dan Kathol, Rich Jablonski and Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Loren Kucera. Motion carried.

**VI. Discussion Items**

**A. Quarterly Loan Review:** NENEDD Fiscal Officer Kristen Rosner presented the loan review. There are 50 active loans from all funding sources with no delinquency.

**VII. Action Items**

**A. Consideration for approval of a resolution adding Cherry, Dakota, and Washington counties in Nebraska to NENEDD's EDA lending area.** NENEDD Business Loan Specialist Jeff Christensen presented. In 2013, when NENEDD updated its EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) plan, NENEDD staff received e-mail confirmation that all 26 counties in the lending area were approved by EDA. However, there was never an "official" letter of approval sent to NENEDD. EDA is requesting the NENEDD board pass a resolution adding Cherry, Dakota and Washington counties in Nebraska to its lending area. They are eligible due to the fact that all three have been included in Declaration DR-4420 – Nebraska Sever Winter Storm, Straight-line Winds, And Flooding Diaster. This was declared March 21, 2019. Gary Jackson made a motion to approval a resolution adding Cherry, Dakota, and Washington counties in Nebraska to NENEDD's EDA lending area. Troy Uhlir seconded the motion. **Ayes:** Glen Ellis, Gary Jackson, Judy Mutzenberger, Troy Uhlir, Dan Kathol, Rich Jablonski and Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Loren Kucera. Motion carried.

**VIII. Chairman's/Board Comments:** An open house will be held Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> in honor of Jeff Christensen's 20 years of service with NENEDD.

**IX. Next Meeting Date:** The next NENEDD Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 7:15 p.m. or following the NED, Inc. meeting. The meeting will be held via conference call.

**X. Adjournment:** Troy Uhlir made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Jackson seconded the motion. **Ayes:** Glen Ellis, Gary Jackson, Judy Mutzenberger, Troy Uhlir, Dan Kathol, Rich Jablonski and Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** Loren Kucera. Motion carried. Rich Jablonski, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.