

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT - NENEDD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017 – 7:15 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 Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD) Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by NENEDD Chairman Mayor Shannon Stuchlik. Mayor Shannon Stuchlik 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:

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)

Board Members Absent:

None

Others 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)
Thomas L. Higginbotham Jr., NENEDD (Norfolk)
Tina M. Engelbart, NENEDD (Norfolk)
Jeff Christensen, NENEDD (Norfolk)

- III. Introduction of Council of Officials Members:** No Council of Officials were present.
- IV. Secretary's Report**
A. Approve the November 29, 2017 Agenda and October 25, 2017 Minutes: Dick Pfeil made a motion to approve the November 29, 2017 agenda and the October 25, 2017 minutes. Nadine Hagedorn seconded the motion. **Ayes:** Shannon Stuchlik, Nadine Hagedorn, Dan Kathol, Christian Ohl, Rich Jablonski, Jim McCarville, Dick Pfeil, Judy Mutzenberger and Scott Schaller. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** None. Motion carried.
- V. Treasurer's Report**
A. October 2017 Treasurer's Report: NENEDD Executive Director Thomas Higginbotham presented the report. Jim McCarville made a motion to approve the October 2017 Treasurer's Reports as presented. Dick Pfeil seconded the motion. **Ayes:** Shannon Stuchlik, Nadine Hagedorn, Dan Kathol, Christian Ohl, Rich Jablonski, Jim McCarville, Dick Pfeil, Judy Mutzenberger and Scott Schaller. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** None. Motion carried.
- VI. Action Items**
A. Acceptance of Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District Audit:
NENEDD Executive Director Thomas Higginbotham Jr. 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. Nadine Hagedorn made a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2017 Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District audit as presented. Rich Jablonski seconded the motion. **Ayes:** Shannon Stuchlik, Nadine Hagedorn, Dan Kathol, Christian Ohl, Rich Jablonski, Jim McCarville, Dick Pfeil, Judy Mutzenberger and Scott Schaller. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** None. Motion carried.
- B. Approve to sign on with a letter to urge Congress to appropriate \$3.3 Billion for CDBG in FY18:** NENEDD Executive Director Thomas Higginbotham presented. Thomas presented the board a letter expressing our support for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's CDBG program and urge Congress to appropriate at least \$3.3 billion in formula funding for CDBG in FY2018. Nadine Hagedorn asked about individuals sending letters; Thomas Higginbotham will check with NADO and report back. Nadine Hagedorn made a motion to approve to sign on with a letter to urge Congress to appropriate \$3.3 billion for CDBG in FY18. Judy Mutzenberger seconded the motion. **Ayes:** Shannon Stuchlik, Nadine Hagedorn, Dan Kathol, Christian Ohl, Rich Jablonski, Jim McCarville, Dick Pfeil, Judy Mutzenberger and Scott Schaller. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** None. Motion carried.
- VII. Chairman's/Board Comments** –NENEDD Executive Director Thomas Higginbotham commented on 14 of 16 grants being funded. He is proud of the staff and partnerships NENEDD has with the communities.
- VIII. Next Meeting Date:** The next NENEDD Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. or following the NED, Inc. meeting. The meeting will be held by conference call. The call locations will be publicized December 27, 2017
- IX. Adjournment:** Christian Ohl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy Mutzenberger

seconded the motion. **Ayes:** Shannon Stuchlik, Nadine Hagedorn, Dan Kathol, Christian Ohl, Rich Jablonski, Jim McCarville, Dick Pfeil, Judy Mutzenberger and Scott Schaller. **Nays:** None. **Absent:** None. Motion carried. Motion carried. NENEDD
Chairman Mayor Shannon Stuchlik adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.