

NORTHEAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. – NED, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018 - 9:00 A.M.

City of Columbus Offices –Mayor’s Office, 2424 14th St, Columbus, NE 68601
NENEDD Office- 111 South 1st Street, 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 9:00 a.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 Administrative Assistant, Brittany O’Brien read roll call.

Board Members Present:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present:

Thomas L. Higginbotham Jr., NENEDD (Norfolk)

Tina M. Engelbart, NENEDD (Norfolk)

Kristen Rosner, NENEDD (Norfolk)

Brittany O’Brien, NENEDD (Norfolk)

III. Introduction of Guests: NED, Inc. President Loren Kucera asked everyone attending the meeting to introduce themselves to the group.

IV. Action Items

A. Auditor Selection: Every three years NED, Inc. is required to procure for auditing services. The Fiscal Officer sent a Request for Proposal (RFP) in May 2018 to eleven firms, of which two submitted proposals. Two other firms submitted their regrets. The Board members, Executive Director, Deputy Director and Fiscal Officer were given the opportunity to review the proposals submitted. NED, Inc President, Loren Kucera, has

requested staff to draft language for the Administrative Procedures that would intend to limit one audit firm to not more than two consecutive three-year contract terms. This discussion also resulted in implementing this new policy three years from now (the next time NED, Inc. would procure for these services) due to not enough time to start over with the request for proposals, hire a firm and have the audit completed on time. Jerry Engdahl asked if the State Auditor could conduct NED, Inc.'s audit. This was researched by NENEDD Staff per the State Auditor's website and found that the office conducts audits for units of local government and state agencies only. Brad Albers made a motion to appoint Schumacher, Smejkal, Brockhaus & Herley, PC as the NED, Inc. auditor for the fiscal years ending 2018, 2019, 2020. John Lohr seconded the motion. **AYES:** Brad Albers, John Lohr, Jerry Engdahl, Loren Kucera, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong and Megan Weaver. **NAYS:** None **ABSENT:** None. Motion passed.

VIII. President/Board Comments: None.

IX. Next Meeting Date: The next Northeast Economic Development, Inc. Board of Directors meeting will be Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the City of Norfolk Office Building, 309 N. 5th St., Norfolk, Nebraska.

X. Adjournment: Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Albers seconded the motion. **AYES:** Brad Albers, Jerry Engdahl, Loren Kucera, John Lohr, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong and Megan Weaver. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Motion carried. NED, Inc. President Loren Kucera adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.