

**NORTHEAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. – NED, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING VIA ZOOM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021 – 7 P.M.**

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 Jim McCarville who informed the public about the location of the Open Meetings Act and that it was accessible to the public. All board members attended the meeting via conference call as per Gov. Pete Ricketts' Executive Order No. 20-36, extended by Executive Order No. 21-02.

II. Roll Call: NENEDD Administrative Assistant, Grace Petersen, read roll call.

Board Members Present:

Jim McCarville, President, Northeast Community College
Mike Frank, retired Northeast Community College
Rich Jablonski, City of Columbus
Megan Weaver, Wakefield Progressive, Inc.

Board Members Absent:

Brad Albers, Vice President, Business Owner
Shannon Stuchlik, Secretary/Treasurer, Midwest Bank of Pierce
Jerry Engdahl, Platte County

NENEDD Board Members Present:

Loren Kucera, Nebraska Business Development Center, Wayne; Dan Kathol, Hartington Community Development Corporation; Judy Mutzenberger, Cuming County; Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, West Point Chamber of Commerce; Troy Uhler, Madison County; Charlie Bahr, City of Columbus; Blake Denton, BankFirst-West Point.

NENEDD Staff Present:

Thomas L. Higginbotham, Jr., Tina M. Engelbart, Jeff Christensen, Kristen Rosner, Jan Merrill, Andrea Larson, Kirk Brown, Mandy Gear, Martin Griffith, and Grace Petersen.

III. Introduction of Guests: NED, Inc. President Jim McCarville introduced guests. The following guest was present: Carl Pearson, Burt County. New NENEDD Community Planner, Kirk Brown, introduced himself to the board.

IV. Secretary's Report

A. Consideration for approval of the April 28, 2021, agenda and March 31, 2021, meeting minutes. Rich Jablonski made a motion to approve the April 28, 2021, agenda and March 31, 2021, meeting minutes. Mike Frank seconded that motion. **AYES:** Mike Frank, Megan Weaver, Rich Jablonski, and Jim McCarville. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Brad Albers, Shannon Stuchlik, and Jerry Engdahl. Motion carried.

V. Treasurer's Report

A. Consideration for acceptance of the March 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented. Fiscal Officer Kristen Rosner presented the report. Megan Weaver made a motion to accept the March 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented. Rich Jablonski seconded the motion. **AYES:** Mike Frank, Megan Weaver, Rich Jablonski, and Jim McCarville. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Brad Albers,

Shannon Stuchlik, and Jerry Engdahl. Motion carried.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Quarterly Loan Review. NENEDD Fiscal Officer Kristen Rosner presented the report. Board member Rich Jablonski inquired about requiring cash payments from delinquent loan clients.

VII. Action Items

A. Consideration to appoint a budget and nominating committee. NENEDD Executive Director Thomas L. Higginbotham, Jr. presented. On an annual basis, a budget and nominating committee is appointed to review and recommend to the full board of directors the next fiscal year's budget as prepared by staff and to review and recommend to the full board of directors new board members and new officers. Rich Jablonski, Jim McCarville, and Shannon Stuchlik were appointed. Megan Weaver made a motion to appoint a budget and nominating committee. Rich Jablonski seconded the motion. **AYES:** Mike Frank, Megan Weaver, Rich Jablonski, and Jim McCarville. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Brad Albers, Shannon Stuchlik, and Jerry Engdahl. Motion carried.

VIII. President/Board Comments: None.

IX. Next Meeting Date: The next NED, Inc. Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the following location: Norfolk City Offices – Training Room, 309 N. 5th St., Norfolk, NE 68701.

X. Adjournment: Rich Jablonski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Frank seconded the motion. **AYES:** Mike Frank, Megan Weaver, Rich Jablonski, and Jim McCarville. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Brad Albers, Shannon Stuchlik, and Jerry Engdahl. Motion carried. NED, Inc. President Jim McCarville adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.