

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT – NENEDD  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 – 7:15 P.M.

*City of Norfolk Offices – Training Room, 309 N. 5th St., Norfolk, NE 68701*  
*Columbus Public Library – 2500 14<sup>th</sup> St., Room 224, Columbus, NE 68601*  
*Fremont Municipal Building – 400 Military Ave., Fremont, NE 68025*

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order:** The Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD) Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m. by NENEDD Chairman Charlie Bahr who informed the public about the location of the Open Meetings Act LB 898 and that it was accessible to the public.
- II. Roll Call:** NENEDD Administrative Assistant, Mary Flear, read roll call.
- Board Members Present:**  
Charlie Bahr, Chairman, Columbus City Council (Columbus)  
Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, West Point Chamber of Commerce (Fremont)  
Troy Uhlir, Madison County Commissioner (Norfolk)  
Blake Denton, MetLife Investment Management (Fremont)  
Loren Kucera, Nebraska Business Development Center (NBDC), Wayne (Norfolk)  
Meghann Buresh, Nebraska Apex Accelerator (Norfolk)  
Benjamin Benton, City of Randolph (Norfolk)  
Sally Ganem, Secretary/Treasurer, Fremont City Council (Fremont)
- Board members absent:**  
Justin Webb, Norfolk City Council
- NED Inc. Board Members Present:**  
None.
- NENEDD Staff Present:**  
Thomas L. Higginbotham, Jr., Tina M. Engelbart, Kristen Rosner, Mary Flear in Norfolk, and Jeff Christensen (via cell phone).
- III. Introduction of Guests:** Tod Voss, Village of McLean, and Judy Mutzenberger, Cuming County Supervisor.
- IV. Secretary’s Report**  
**A. Consideration to approve the October 25, 2023, agenda as amended by adding Emergency Action Item VII. A, and the September 27, 2023, and October 16, 2023, minutes.** Troy Uhlir made a motion to approve the October 25, 2023, agenda as amended and the September 27, 2023, and October 16, 2023, minutes. Benjamin Benton seconded the motion. **AYES:** Sally Ganem, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir, Blake Denton, Loren Kucera, Meghann Buresh, Benjamin Benton. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Justin Webb. Motion carried.
- V. Treasurer’s Report**  
**A. Consideration to accept the September 2023 Treasurer’s Report as presented.** NENEDD Fiscal Officer Kristen Rosner presented the report. Troy Uhlir made a motion to accept the September 2023 Treasurer’s Report as presented. Loren Kucera seconded the motion. **AYES:** Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir, Blake Denton, Loren Kucera, Meghann Buresh, Benjamin Benton, Sally Ganem. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Justin Webb. Motion carried.
- VI. Discussion Items.**  
**A. Quarterly loan review.** NENEDD Fiscal Officer presented. She said there are currently 53 loans with a \$15 delinquency to report.

**VII. Emergency Action Items.**

**A.** Consideration for approval of the General Corporate Resolution authorizing Shannon Stuchlik, Executive Director, as of October 30, 2023, and the removal of Thomas L. Higginbotham, Jr., Executive Director, as of December 15, 2023, and the removal of Tina M. Engelbart, Deputy Director, as of December 1, 2023. Troy Uhlir made a motion to accept the General Corporate Resolution. Benjamin Benton seconded the motion. **AYES:** Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir, Blake Denton, Loren Kucera, Meghann Buresh, Benjamin Benton, Sally Ganem. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Justin Webb. Motion carried.

**VIII. Executive Session:**

- A.** Consideration for approval to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:36 p.m. Troy Uhlir made a motion to approve moving into Executive Session. Meghann Buresh seconded the motion. **AYES:** Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir, Blake Denton, Loren Kucera, Meghann Buresh, Benjamin Benton, Sally Ganem. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Justin Webb. Motion carried.
- B.** Consideration for approval to move out of Executive Session and reconvene into regular session at 8:02 p.m. Troy Uhlir made a motion to approve moving out of the Executive Session. Benjamin Benton seconded the motion. **AYES:** Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir, Blake Denton, Loren Kucera, Meghann Buresh, Benjamin Benton, Sally Ganem. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Justin Webb. Motion carried. Thomas L. Higginbotham, Jr., restated for the record that the only item discussed in the Executive Session was personnel.

**IX. Chairman's/Board Comments:** None.

**X. Next Meeting Date:** The next NENEDD Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 7:15 p.m. or following the NED, Inc. meeting. The meeting will be held via conference call.

**XI. Adjournment:** Troy Uhlir made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Benjamin Benton seconded the motion. **AYES:** Troy Uhlir, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Blake Denton, Loren Kucera, Meghann Buresh, Benjamin Benton, Sally Ganem. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Justin Webb. Motion carried. NENEDD Chairman Charlie Bahr adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.