

**NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
(NENEDD) SEMI-ANNUAL COUNCIL OF OFFICIALS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023 – 7:15 P.M.**

*City of Norfolk Offices – Training Room, 309 N. 5th St., Norfolk, NE 68701  
Lied Randolph Library, 111 N Douglas St., Randolph, NE 68771  
West Point Chamber of Commerce, 200 Anna Stalp Ave., West Point, NE 68788  
Columbus Public Library, 2500 14th St., Columbus, NE 68601  
Fremont City Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 400 E. Military Ave., Fremont, NE 68025*

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order:** The Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD) Board of Directors and semi-annual Council of Officials meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 Fleer, read roll call.
- Board Members Present:**  
Charlie Bahr, Chairman, Columbus City Council (Columbus)  
Sally Ganem, Fremont City Council (Fremont)  
Troy Uhlir, Madison County Commissioner (Norfolk)  
Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, West Point Chamber of Commerce (West Point)  
Loren Kucera, Nebraska Business Development Center (NBDC), Wayne (Norfolk)  
Meghann Buresh, Nebraska Apex Accelerator (Norfolk)  
Benjamin Benton, City of Randolph (Randolph)  
Blake Denton, MetLife investment Management (West Point)  
Justin Webb, Norfolk City Council (Norfolk)
- Board Members Absent:** None.
- NED, Inc. Board Members Present:**  
Jim Hans (Randolph)  
Tod W. Voss, MD (Norfolk)
- NENEDD Staff Present:** Shannon Stuchlik, Martin Griffith, Kristen Rosner, Mary Fleer
- III. Introduction of Guests:** Walker Zulkoski, Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT)
- IV. Secretary’s Report**
- A. Consideration to approve the December 20, 2023, agenda and the November 29, 2023, minutes.** Troy Uhlir made a motion to approve the December 20, 2023, agenda and the November 29, 2023, minutes. Sally Ganem seconded the motion. **AYES:** Sally Ganem, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir, Loren Kucera, Benjamin Benton, Meghann Buresh, Justin Webb, Blake Denton. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. Motion carried.
- V. Discussion Items**
- A. Quarterly staff reports.** NENEDD staff submitted to the Board their activities from October through December 2023.
- B. Discussion of the November 2023 treasurer’s report.** Kristen Rosner, Fiscal Officer, presented the report.
- C. Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) presentation.** Walker Zulkoski, Vice President, Investment Services, gave a presentation on NPAIT which provides a wide variety of banking solutions for Nebraska public entities and associations.

**VI. Action Items**

**A. Consideration to accept the Fiscal Year 2023 Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District audit.** NENEDD Fiscal Officer Kristen Rosner presented. Board members received the Fiscal Year 2023 audit in November. Sally Ganem made a motion to accept the NENEDD fiscal year 2023 audit. Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong seconded the motion. **AYES:** Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir, Loren Kucera, Benjamin Benton, Meghann Buresh, Justin Webb, Blake Denton, Sally Ganem. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. Motion carried.

**VII. Executive Session:** None.

**VIII. Chairman's/Board Comments:** Everyone was wished a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**IX. Next Meeting Date:** The next NENEDD Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 7:15 p.m. or following the NED, Inc., board meeting. The meeting will be held via conference call.

**X. Adjournment:** Troy Uhlir made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sally Ganem seconded the motion. **AYES:** Troy Uhlir, Blake Denton, Loren Kucera, Benjamin Benton, Meghann Buresh, Justin Webb, Sally Ganem, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. Chairman Charlie Bahr adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.