

**NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
NENEDD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024 – 7:15 P.M.**

*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  
Columbus Public Library, 2500 14th St., Columbus, NE 68601  
Fremont City Hall, 400 E. 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 Fler, 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)  
Blake Denton, MetLife Investment Management (West Point)  
Justin Webb, Norfolk City Council (Norfolk)

**Board Members Absent:** Benjamin Benton, City of Randolph

**NED, Inc. Board Members Present:** Tod W. Voss, M.D. (Norfolk)

**NENEDD Staff Present:**

Shannon Stuchlik (Norfolk)  
Kristen Rosner (Norfolk)  
Mary Fler (Norfolk)  
Andrea Larson (Norfolk)  
Grace Petersen (Norfolk)

**III. Introduction of Guests:**

Ron Schilling, Columbus City Council (Columbus)  
Judy Mutzenberger, Cuming County Supervisor (West Point)

**IV. Secretary's Report:**

**A. Consideration to approve the February 28, 2024, agenda and the January 31, 2024, minutes.** Troy Uhlir made a motion to approve the February 28, 2024, agenda and the January 31, 2024, minutes. Justin Webb seconded the motion. **AYES:** Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir, Blake Denton, Loren Kucera, Meghann Buresh, Justin Webb, Sally Ganem. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Benjamin Benton. Motion carried.

**V. Treasurer's Report:**

**A. Consideration to accept the January 2024 Treasurer's Report as presented.** NENEDD Fiscal Officer Kristen Rosner presented the report. Sally Ganem made a motion to approve the January 2024 treasurer's report. Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong seconded the motion. **AYES:** Troy Uhlir, Blake Denton, Loren Kucera, Meghann Buresh, Justin Webb,

Sally Ganem, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Benjamin Benton. Motion carried.

**VI. Discussion Items:** No discussion items.

**VII. Action Items:**

**A. Consideration to waive the requirement for multiple proposals and appoint Herley & Reinke Accounting, P.C. as the NENEDD auditor for the fiscal years ending 2024, 2025 and 2026.** Kristen Rosner, NENEDD Fiscal Officer presented. Every three years NENEDD is required to procure auditing services and a minimum of two proposals should be presented to the Board for their decision. As Herley & Reinke Accounting, P.C., was the only firm submitting a proposal, consideration is made to waive the requirement for multiple proposals and appoint Herley & Reinke Accounting, P.C. as the NENEDD auditor for the fiscal years ending in 2024, 2025 and 2026. Meghann Buresh made a motion to waive the requirement for multiple proposals and appoint Herley & Reinke Accounting, P.C. as the NENEDD auditor for the fiscal years ending 2024, 2025 and 2026. Troy Uhlir seconded the motion. **AYES:** Blake Denton, Loren Kucera, Meghann Buresh, Justin Webb, Sally Ganem, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Benjamin Benton. Motion carried.

**VIII. Executive Session:** None.

**IX. Chairman's/Board Comments:** Chairman Charlie Bahr thanked everyone for all they do for NED, Inc. and NENEDD and hoped everyone would have a good week.

**X. Next Meeting Date:** The next NENEDD Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 7:15 p.m. or following the NED, Inc., board meeting. The meeting will be held via conference call.

**XI. Adjournment:** Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Troy Uhlir seconded the motion. **AYES:** Sally Ganem, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir, Blake Denton, Loren Kucera, Meghann Buresh, Justin Webb. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Benjamin Benton. Motion carried. Chairman Charlie Bahr adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.