

**NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
NENEDD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 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  
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 meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m. by NENEDD Vice Chairwoman Sally Ganem 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:**

Sally Ganem, Vice Chairwoman, Fremont City Council (Fremont)  
Troy Uhlir, Secretary/Treasurer, 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, Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Wayne (Norfolk)  
Blake Denton, MetLife investment Management (West Point)

**Board Members Absent:**

Charlie Bahr  
Justin Webb

**NED, Inc. Board Members Present:**

Tod W. Voss, MD (Norfolk)

**NENEDD Staff Present:** Shannon Stuchlik, Martin Griffith, Kristen Rosner, Mary Fleer, Jeff Christensen (Norfolk)

**III. Introduction of Guests:** Doug Backens, Dodge County Supervisor (Fremont)

**IV. Secretary's Report**

**A. Consideration to approve the March 27, 2024, agenda and the February 28, 2024, minutes.** Troy Uhlir made a motion to approve the March 27, 2024, agenda and the February 28, 2024, minutes. Loren Kucera seconded the motion. **AYES:** Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir, Blake Denton, Loren Kucera, Meghann Buresh, Benjamin Benton. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Charlie Bahr, Justin Webb. Motion carried.

**V. Treasurer's Report**

**A. Consideration to accept the February 2024 Treasurer's Report as presented.** NENEDD Fiscal Officer Kristen Rosner presented the report. Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong made a motion to accept the February 2024 treasurer's report as presented. Blake Denton seconded the motion. **AYES:** Troy Uhlir, Blake Denton, Loren Kucera, Meghann Buresh, Benjamin Benton, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Charlie Bahr, Justin Webb. Motion carried.

**VI. Discussion Items**

**A. Quarterly Staff Reports.** Staff reports from January-March 2024 were submitted by NENEDD staff.

**VII. Action Items**

**A. Consideration for approval to appoint a 2024-2025 budget/nominating committee.** On an annual basis, a budget and nominating committee is appointed to review and recommend to the full board of directors the next year's budget as prepared by staff and to review and recommend to the full board of directors new board members and new officers. The following board members were nominated to serve in 2024-2025: Troy Uhlir, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Blake Denton and Justin Webb. Troy Uhlir made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 budget/nominating committee. Benjamin Benton seconded the motion. **AYES:** Blake Denton, Loren Kucera, Meghann Buresh, Benjamin Benton, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Charlie Bahr, Justin Webb. Motion carried.

**VIII. Chairman's/Board Comments :** Sally Ganem, NENEDD Vice Chairwoman, as well as Shannon Stuchlik, NENEDD Executive Director, wished everyone a Happy Easter.

**IX. Next Meeting Date:** The next NENEDD Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 7:15 p.m. or following the NED, Inc., board meeting. The meeting will be held at the following location: City of Norfolk Offices – Training Room, 309 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Norfolk, NE 68701.

**X. Adjournment:** Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Troy Uhlir seconded the motion. **AYES:** Blake Denton, Loren Kucera, Meghann Buresh, Benjamin Benton, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Charlie Bahr, Justin Webb. Motion carried. NENEDD Vice Chairwoman Sally Ganem adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.