

**NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
NENEDD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025 – 7:15 P.M.**

*City of Norfolk Offices – Training Room, 309 N. 5th St., Norfolk, NE 68701
Columbus Community Building – Room 223, 2500 14th St., Columbus, NE 68601
West Point Chamber of Commerce, 200 Anna Stalp Ave., West Point, NE 68788
Fremont Municipal Building, 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 7:24 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, 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)
Benjamin Benton, Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Wayne (Norfolk)
Doug Huttman, Stanton County Commissioner (Norfolk)
Blake Denton, MetLife Investment Management (West Point)

Board Members Absent:

Meghann Buresh, Nebraska Apex Accelerator
Justin Webb, Norfolk City Council

NENEDD Staff Present: Mandy Gear, Andrea Larson, Jill Godfrey, Jeff Christensen, Mary Fler

III. Introduction of Guests: Angie Olson, Interim City Clerk, Fremont (Fremont), BrenDec Reinke, Herley & Reinke Accounting, P.C. (Phone)

IV. Secretary's Report

- A. Consideration to approve the January 29, 2025, agenda and the December 18, 2024, minutes.** Troy Uhlir made a motion to approve the January 29, 2025, agenda and the December 18, 2024, minutes. Sally Ganem seconded the motion. **AYES:** Sally Ganem, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir, Blake Denton, Benjamin Benton, Doug Huttman. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Meghann Buresh, Justin Webb. Motion carried.
- B. Consideration for approval to amend the NENEDD Board Meeting Minutes from September 2024 to reflect Executive Session for discussion and selection of Executive Director.** Troy Uhlir made a motion to amend the NENEDD Board Meeting Minutes from September 2024 to reflect Executive Session for discussion and selection of Executive Director. Benjamin Benton Seconded the motion. **AYES:** Sally Ganem, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir, Blake Denton, Benjamin Benton, Doug Huttman. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Meghann Buresh, Justin Webb. Motion carried.

V. Treasurer's Report

- A. Consideration to accept the December 2024 Treasurer's Report as presented.** NENEDD Fiscal Officer, Jill Godfrey, presented the report. Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong made a motion to accept the December 2024 treasurer's report as presented. Sally Ganem seconded the motion. **AYES:** Sally Ganem, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Troy Uhlir, Blake

Denton, Benjamin Benton, Doug Huttmann. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Meghann Buresh, Justin Webb. Motion carried.

VI. Discussion Items

- A. Presentation of the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD) audit.** Board members were mailed a copy of the NENEDD. audit. BrenDee Reinke from Herley & Reinke Accounting, P.C., (via phone) explained the auditor's report. There will be an action item at the February 26, 2025, board meeting to accept the audit.
- B. Quarterly Loan Review.** NENEDD Fiscal Officer Jill Godfrey presented the quarterly loan review.

VII. Action Items: None.

VIII. Chairman's/Board Comments: Chairman Charlie Bahr thanked everyone for their hard work.

IX. Next Meeting Date: The next NENEDD Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 7:15 p.m. or following the NED, Inc., board meeting. The meeting will be via conference call.

X. Adjournment: Benjamin Benton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sally Ganem seconded the motion. NENEDD Chairman Charlie Bahr adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.