**NORTHEAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC.**
**– NED, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 - 7 P.M.**

**A FULL CUP restaurant, 803 10TH ST., STANTON, NE 68779**

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order:** The Northeast Economic Development, Inc. (NED, Inc.) Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:10 by NED, Inc. President Loren Kucera, who informed the public about the location of the open meetings act and that it was accessible to the public.

**II. Roll Call:** NENEDD Deputy Director, Andrea Westerhaus, read roll call.

**Board Members Present:**
Loren Kucera, President, City of Clarkson
Tod William Voss, MD, Vice President, Village of McLean
Troy Uhlir, Secretary/Treasurer, Madison County Commissioner
Sally Ganem, Fremont City Council
Jason Ash, Weiland Doors

**Board Members Absent:**
Kurt Dostal, President, Citizens State Bank
Charlie Bahr, Columbus City Council

**NENEDD Board Members Present:** Meghann Buresh, Salley Ganem, Rich Jablonski, and Mason Zimmerer.

**NENEDD Staff Present:** Mandy Gear, Andrea Westerhaus, Jill Godfrey, Jeff Christensen, and Sandra Goode.

**III. Introduction of Guests:** Kyle Voecks, Mayor of Stanton, and Shannon Hekrdle, owner of A Full Cup restaurant.

**IV. Secretary's Report**

**A. Consideration for approval of the September 30, 2026, agenda and the August 26, 2026, meeting minutes.** Troy Uhlir made a motion to approve the September 30, 2026, agenda and the August 26, 2026, meeting minutes. Tod W. Voss, MD seconded the motion. **AYES:** Loren Kucera, Tod W. Voss MD, Troy Uhlir, Sally Ganem, and Jason Ash. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Kurt Dostal, Charlie Bahr. Motion carried.

**V. Treasurer's Report**

**A. Consideration for acceptance of the August 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented.** NENEDD Fiscal Officer, Jill Godfrey, presented the report. Sally Ganem made the motion to accept the August 2026 Treasurer's Report. Troy Uhlir seconded the motion. **AYES:** Loren Kucera, Tod W. Voss MD, Troy Uhlir, Sally Ganem, Jason Ash. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Kurt Dostal, Charlie Bahr.
Motion carried.

**VI. Action Items**

**A. Consideration for approval of applicant #101850 for owner occupied housing rehabilitation funds up to the amount of $40,000.** NENEDD Executive Director, Mandy Gear, presented. Troy Uhlir made a motion to approve approve a loan to applicant #101850 as presented. Sally Ganem seconded the motion. **AYES:** Loren Kucera, Tod W. Voss, MD, Troy Uhlir, Sally Ganem, and Jason Ash. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Kurt Dostal, Charlie Bahr. Motion carried.

**B. Consideration for approval of a $16,290 loan to Niche Brislane, d/b/a Prairie Pawlour to expand her business at 401 N. 4t St. in St. Edward.** NENEDD Business Loan Specialist Jeff Christensen presented. The loan will be used to complete a standalone shop at Niche's residence in St. Edward. NED, Inc.'s loan will have a term of 10 years with an interest rate of 5.50% (fixed). Troy Uhlir made a motion to approve the loan of $16,290 to Niche Brislane, d/b/a Prairie Pawlour. Tod W. Voss, MD, seconded the motion. **AYES:** Loren Kucera, Tod W. Voss, MD, Troy Uhlir, Sally Ganem, and Jason Ash. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Kurt Dostal, Charlie Bahr. Motion carried.

**C. Consideration for approval of a $50,000 loan to Tia and Jeremy Fuhr, to renovate a commercial building at 104 N. Main St. in Leigh.** NENEDD Business Loan Specialist, Jeff Christensen presented. The loan will have a term of 20 years at an interest rate of 6.50% (fixed). Sally Ganem made a motion to approve the loan of $50,000 to Tia and Jeremy Fuhr, as presented. Troy Uhlir seconded the motion. **AYES:** Loren Kucera, Tod W. Voss, MD, Troy Uhlir, Sally Ganem, and Jason Ash. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Kurt Dostal, Charlie Bahr. Motion carried.
Motion carried.

**VII. Next Meeting Date:** The next Northeast Economic Development, Inc., Board of Directors meeting will be on Wednesday October 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held via conference call by attending one of these locations: City of Norfolk Offices-Training Room, 309 N. 5th Street, Norfolk, NE 68701; Columbus Community Building – Room 223 2500 14th St., Columbus, NE 68601; Lied Randolph Public Library, 111 N. Douglas St., Randolph, NE 68771; Fremont Municipal Building – 400 E. Military Ave., Fremont, NE 68025.

**VIII. Adjournment:** Troy Uhlir made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Tod W. Voss, MD, seconded the motion. **AYES:** Loren Kucera, Tod Voss, MD, Troy Uhlir, Sally Ganem, and Jason Ash. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Kurt Dostal, Charlie Bahr. Motion carried. Loren Kucera, President adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.