NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
NENEDD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026 – 7:15 P.M.

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

MINUTES

I. Call to Order: The Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD) Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by NENEDD Chairwoman Meghann Buresh, 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, Lori Schrader, read roll call.

Board Members Present:
Meghann Buresh, Chairwoman, Nebraska Apex Accelerator
Sally Ganem, Fremont City Council
Rich Jablonski, Columbus City Council
Blake Denton, Vice Chairman, MetLife Investment Management
Benjamin Benton, Secretary/Treasurer, Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Wayne
Doug Huttmann, Stanton County Commissioner
Anthony Warrior, Nebraska Indian Community College

Board Members Absent:
Mason Zimmerer, Northeast Community College
Jeff Jensen, Norfolk City Council

NED, Inc. Board Members Present: Sally Ganem

NENEDD Staff Present: Andrea Westerhaus, Jill Godfrey, Jeff Christensen, and Lori Schrader.

III. Introduction of Guests:

IV. Secretary's Report

A. Consideration to approve the October 28, 2026, agenda. Benjamin Benton made a motion to approve the October 28, 2026, agenda. Anthony Warrior seconded the motion. **AYES:** Meghann Buresh, Sally Ganem, Doug Huttmann, Anthony Warrior, Benjamin Benton, Blake Denton,

B. and Rich Jablonski. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Mason Zimmerer, and Jeff Jensen. Motion carried.

C. Consideration to ratify the September 30, 2026, Secretary's Report, August 2026 Treasurer's Report, Action Item A and Action Item B, and the September 30, 2026, meeting minutes. Rich Jablonski made a motion to ratify the September 30, 2026, Secretary's Report, August 2026 Treasurer's Report, Action Item A and Action Item B, and the September 30, 2026, meeting minutes. Benjamin Benton seconded the motion. **AYES:** Meghann Buresh, Sally Ganem, Doug Huttmann, Anthony Warrior, Benjamin Benton, Blake Denton, and Rich Jablonski. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Mason Zimmerer, and Jeff Jensen. Motion carried.

V. Treasurer's Report

D. Consideration to accept September 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented. NENEDD Fiscal Officer, Jill Godfrey, presented the report. Benjamin Benton made a motion to accept the September 2026 treasurer's report as presented. Doug Huttmann seconded the motion. **AYES:** Meghann Buresh, Sally Ganem, Doug Huttmann, Anthony Warrior, Benjamin Benton, Blake Denton, and Rich Jablonski. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Mason Zimmerer, and Jeff Jensen. Motion carried.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Quarterly Loan Review

VII. Action Items

A. Consideration for approval of a $50,000 loan to Wolken Therapy & Wellness, LLC, to start a new outpatient physical therapy clinic in Leigh. NENEDD Business Loan Specialist, Jeff Christensen, presented. Doug Huttmann made a motion for approval of a $50,000 loan to Wolken Therapy & Wellness, LLC, to start a new outpatient physical therapy clinic in Leigh as presented. Benjamin Benton seconded the motion. **AYES:** Meghann Buresh, Sally Ganem, Doug Huttmann, Anthony Warrior, Benjamin Benton, Blake Denton, and Rich Jablonski. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Mason Zimmerer, and Jeff Jensen. Motion carried.

B. Consideration for approval of a $45,150 loan to T&A's Tree Service, LLC, to purchase equipment to expand the business in Fullerton. NENEDD Business Loan Specialist, Jeff Christensen, presented. Blake Denton made the motion to approve the $45,150 loan to T&A's Tree Service, LLC, to purchase equipment, as presented. Doug Huttmann seconded the motion. **AYES:** Meghann Buresh, Sally Ganem, Doug Huttmann, Anthony Warrior, Benjamin Benton, Blake Denton, and Rich Jablonski. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Mason Zimmerer, and Jeff Jensen. Motion carried.

VIII. President/Board Comments: Meghann Buresh thanked A Full Cup for hosting the board meeting. Rich Jablonski stated that he attended the Wieland Door tour and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to see such impressive business firsthand and was pleased that NENEDD was able to provide assistance to the company. Benjamin Benton also suggested to add a year-over-year comparison on the statement of revenue and expenditures on the monthly Treasurer's Report.

IX. Next Meeting Date: The next NENEDD Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday November 18, 2026, at 7:15 p.m. or following the NED, Inc., board meeting. 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.

X. Adjournment: Benjamin Benton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug Huttmann seconded the motion. **AYES:** Meghann Buresh, Sally Ganem, Doug Huttmann, Anthony Warrior, Benjamin Benton, Blake Denton, and Rich Jablonski. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Mason Zimmerer, and Jeff Jensen. Motion carried. Meghann Buresh, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:39p.m.