



Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2021

Notification of the change in meeting date was posted on December 2 at Waypoint Bank, the US Post Office, First Central Bank, Cambridge City Office and on Facebook.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. Open meeting laws noted in the City Office.

Members Present: Tom Shoemaker, Darcy Johnson, Derek Downer, Logan Baker, Randy Heitmann, Dave Custer, Jarod Albers

Members Absent: Jan tenBensel, Judy Jackson

Others Present: Mayor David Gunderson, Melissa Jackson, Genny Kubik

Agenda Corrections or Additions: Added career fair discussion

Consent Approval of Financials/Invoices and Minutes and Bills: The Board reviewed the monthly financials. A motion was made by Darcy Johnson, seconded by Dave Custer, to approve the financials. Motion carried.

New Business:

M. Jackson gave an activities report to the Board.

Hometown Agency was chosen as business of the month for January. Jesse Alexander plumbing was chosen for February.

The Board reviewed the Down Payment Assistance application from Marcus and Cassidy Vontz. A motion made by Logan Baker, seconded by Derek Downer, to approve \$15,000 in funds. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about the Down Payment Assistance program guidelines. No changes or edits were made.

Genny Kubik gave an overview of the transition survey results from 7-10th graders. Key highlights include that 60% intend to attend a 4-year college/university, 57% intend to attend a technical school and 33 % intend to move directly into part-time employment. Also, 63% intend to live in Nebraska after graduating, 33% of those in the Cambridge area. ESUs 9, 10 and 11 will be hosting a CTE Career Field Collaboration Day in Kearney on January 18, and Mrs. Kubik has asked M. Jackson to attend with she and Mr. Albers. The development of a program like this would introduce students to other career paths. The school has also been in contact with Ashley Gerlock about hosting a career fair again in the fall.

M. Jackson gave an update on a slab home being built on Lot 5 in Harvest Meadows.

Mayor Gunderson presented a disc golf sponsorship opportunity. The Board did not take action on this item.

Randy Heitmann and Derek Downer spoke about EIDL for local businesses. The deadline is December 31 to apply.

M. Jackson gave the Board an update on proposed Rotary Park improvements. She has also written a letter of support for a grant Rotary is requesting from the Furnas County Visitors Committee.

The Board spoke with Robert Fahn via phone (in NY) about the purchase of the Corner Café. He is exploring and brainstorming potential uses for the building.

Project Updates:

M. Jackson gave an update on voluntary DPA payments from Berlynda Barnes.

Mayor Gunderson reported that the comprehensive plan cost was lowered and will be discussed as to whether it will be added into the City budget. The previous plan was completed for the years 2013-2023 and is outdated.

Mayor Gunderson continues to look at what opportunities Cambridge has as it pertains to airport, water, and other infrastructure needs that may fit into the Federal Build Back Better bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.