



Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2022

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

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

Members Absent: Logan Baker, Jan tenBensel

Others Present: Melissa Jackson, Mayor David Gunderson, Rebecca Johnson and Brent Comstock via zoom

Agenda Corrections or Additions: None noted

Consent Approval of Financials/Invoices and Minutes and Bills: The Board reviewed the monthly financials. A motion was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Derek Downer, to approve the financials. Motion passed.

New Business:

Rebecca Johnson and Brent Comstock gave an overview of the Lead for Nebraska fellow opportunity. She outlined the goals of the program, timeline and what would be needed from ED. The fellow is a servant of Lead for Nebraska, not an employee for them or for ED. LFNE staff will gather information from ED and help write the program description for what this person would do. The financial investment from ED is \$15,000/year and as a reminder, the Perkins Foundation donated \$20,000 for this purpose. The Board held discussion about potential projects (long term care, daycare), and the Mayor/City expressed interest in being involved with the fellow. The fellow would be in place in Cambridge by September 1, 2022.

A motion was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Darcy Johnson, to sign letter of intent to move forward. Motion passed.

M. Jackson gave an activities report to the Board.

A motion was made by Darcy Johnson, seconded by Tom Shoemaker, to reappoint Jarod, Dave and Randy to another 3-year term on ED Board. Comments were received from Dave and Randy. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Derek Downer, seconded by Jarod Albers, to approve a new housing rehab program. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cambridge General Store façade grant. A motion was made by Darcy Johnson, seconded by Dave Custer, to approve half of the \$4,200 for the grant application. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Butler Memorial Library internship program grant application. A motion was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Judy Jackson, to approve the grant. Derek Downer abstained. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the CO/NE Life advertising proposal. M. Jackson will research Google and Facebook advertising instead of print with a budget spend of \$200/month.

Project Updates:

A motion was made by Dave Custer, seconded by Jarod Albers, to approve the Blooms Business Toolbox class reimbursement of \$59.50. Judy Jackson abstained. Motion passed.

M. Jackson gave an update on the Tri City Housing Project with Benkelman and McCook.

Darcy Johnson noted that Town Talk is advertising the opportunity for someone to cook/train with Dick and Jen, then take over the restaurant.

M. Jackson noted the changes to Chamber Board and officers. M. Jackson and Jessica Fisher are the new co-presidents for 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at the City offices.