



**Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2021**

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

**Notification of the change in meeting date was posted on May 10 at Waypoint Bank, the US Post Office, First Central Bank, Cambridge City Office and on Facebook.**

**Members Present:** Darcy Johnson, Derek Downer, Judy Jackson, Randy Heitmann, Jan tenBensel, Dave Custer

**Members Absent:** Tom Shoemaker, Logan Baker, Jarod Albers

**Others Present:** Melissa Jackson

**Agenda Corrections or Additions:** Added Cross Creek Golf Course internship grant application. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Jan tenBensel, seconded by Judy Jackson. Motion carried.

**Consent Approval of Financials/Invoices and Minutes and Bills:** A motion to approve the Minutes and Bills was made by Derek Downer, seconded by Dave Custer. Motion carried.

Derek Downer is charged with asking Kandra Kinne about sales tax receipt monthly reports.

**New Business:**

M. Jackson gave an activities report to the Board.

The Board reviewed the Cambridge Telephone Company, Pinpoint, Twin Valleys Public Power District, and Cross Creek Internship Grant applications. A motion was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Judy Jackson, to approve all four applications. Dave Custer abstained. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Besler Industry Façade grant. A motion was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Dave Custer. Motion carried.

M. Jackson reviewed the latest Nebraska Tax Advantage notice that states an additional \$22,052.04 will be deducted in April 2022. A prior report states \$41,181.53 will be deducted in March 2022. M. Jackson will call the Lincoln office to find out where these funds are going and why.

M. Jackson informed the Board that the Perkins Foundation has donated \$25,000 to the Down Payment Assistance fund.

**Project Updates:**

M. Jackson gave an update on Project Dime, a Request for Proposal (RFP) that was sent to Nebraska Department of Economic Development on May 11, 2021. A new business is looking to build a second manufacturing facility in Southwest Nebraska that would employ 10 individuals. The RFP included community wage information within 40 miles of Cambridge, sorghum statistics for the area, local business development incentives, nearby higher education and technical programs that relate to manufacturing, and proximity to an airport. The RFP has been submitted and we are awaiting further word. Site selection is hoped to be made by Q3 2021.

M. Jackson is going to work with Kandra Kinne to outline the permitting process for obtaining a Conditional Use Permit from beginning to end. They will together create a packet for handing out and posting to the City's website.

M. Jackson will begin putting together a marketing program "menu" to support local businesses.

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

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.