



### **Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes, August 17, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. Open meeting laws noted in the City Office.

**Members Present:** Tom Shoemaker, Darcy Johnson, Logan Baker, Dave Custer, Derek Downer, Judy Jackson, Jarod Albers, Jan tenBensel, Randy Heitmann

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Melissa Jackson, Ashley Gerlach, Jessica Alexander

**Consent Approval of Financials/Invoices and Minutes and Bills:** The Board reviewed the monthly financials. A motion was made by Jan tenBensel, seconded by Logan Baker, to approve the financials. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

M. Jackson gave an activities report to the Board.

M. Jackson and Jan tenBensel gave a recap of the Governor's Ag Conference.

The Board reviewed the Medicine Creek Counseling façade grant application. A motion was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Jarod Albers, to approve the application. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2022-23 budget. A motion was made by Darcy Johnson, seconded by Jan tenBensel, to approve taking the budget to city council. Motion passed.

M. Jackson, Jan tenBensel and Darcy Johnson reviewed the joint committee meeting and proposed new roads in Harvest Meadows. Jarod Albers gave overview of daycare center and in-home daycare requirements. Darcy Johnson gave an update on the future plans for a turning lane on the south of the highway going into Harvest Meadows. The Board expressed the need to have another joint meeting to continue discussion on the new roads.

The Business of the Month for October will be Leroy Hayes, Hayes Construction.

**Project Updates:**

Ashley Gerlach and Jessica Alexander gave an update on the Mural Project. The Furnas County Visitors Committee has committed to future projects and within this process, the façade grant will be promoted to downtown businesses.

The Board was given an update on the special committee review of fire funds received and how they will be disbursed before the end of the fiscal year.

M. Jackson reviewed the spend to date on the Google ad, along with website stats for those months. The Board agree to continue running the ad the first 2 weeks of each month.

**Public Comment:**

Jan tenBensel discussed the walking trail/bridge idea from Harvest Meadows to either the park or camping area. Darcy Johnson suggested he acquire more information from the state as to what the requirements are and continue having the conversation about possibilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at the City office.