

## NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

### NENEDD Board of Directors' Meeting Conference Call Locations

*City of Hartington, Council Chambers, 107 W. State Street, Hartington, NE 68739*

*Laurel City Offices, 101 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Laurel, NE 68745*

*Norfolk City Council Conference Room, 309 Madison Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701*

*Scribner Economic Development Center, 412 Main Street, Scribner, NE 68057*

*West Point Chamber of Commerce, 200 Anna Stalp Ave, West Point, NE 68788*

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** The Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by John F. Lohr, Chairman. John F. Lohr informed the public about the location of the Open Meetings Act LB 898 and that it is accessible to the public.
- II. **Roll Call:** Tom Higginbotham read roll call. Tom Higginbotham also introduced Becky Maggart, Nebraska Department of Labor – Norfolk, who will be filling in Kendrick Marshall's board position for the rest of his term.

#### **Board Members Present:**

John F. Lohr, NENEDD Chairman, City of Columbus (Norfolk)

Kelvin Wurdeman, NENEDD Vice Chairman, Wayne County Commissioner  
(Norfolk)

Rob Merrill, NENEDD Secretary/Treasurer, City of Norfolk (Norfolk)

Gaylord Wilcox, NENEDD Board Member, Homestead Bank,  
Schuyler/Howells/Albion (Norfolk)

Ken Luettel, NENEDD Board Member, Boone County Commissioner, Petersburg  
(Norfolk)

Chris Miller, NENEDD Board Member, Don Miller Land Company, Hartington  
(Hartington)

Becky Maggart, NENEDD Board Member, Nebraska Department of Labor,  
Norfolk (Norfolk)

Mayor Scott Getzschman, NENEDD Board Member, City of Fremont (Scribner)

Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, NENEDD Board Member, West Point Chamber of  
Commerce (West Point)

#### **Board Members Absent:** None

#### **Others Present:**

Rick Uhlir, NED, Inc President, Private Representative, Norfolk (Norfolk)

Mike Crosley, NED, Inc Vice President, Santee Economic Development (Norfolk)

Deb Eggleston, NED, Inc Board Member, Scribner Improvement and  
Industrial Corporation (Scribner)

Nadine Hagedorn, NED, Inc Board Member, Citizens State Bank, West Point  
(West Point)

Melissa Graham, NED, Inc Secretary/Treasurer, Missa Sue's Salon and Spa, Laurel  
(Laurel)

Ron Vonderohe, NED, Inc Board Member, Goldenrod Hills, Wisner (Norfolk)

Mayor Shannon Stuchlik, Council of Officials, City of Pierce (Norfolk)  
Martin Griffith, Council of Officials, Madison County Commissioner (Norfolk)  
Terry Wragge, Council of Officials, Pierce County Commissioner (Norfolk)  
Hollie Olk, Council of Officials, Platte County Supervisor (Norfolk)  
Greg Meier, Council of Officials, Village of Coleridge (Laurel)  
David Gutshall, Council of Officials, Stanton County Commissioner (Norfolk)  
Beth Deck, Council of Officials, City of Norfolk (Phone)  
Tom Higginbotham, NENEDD (Norfolk)  
Tina Engelbart, NENEDD (Norfolk)  
Patsy Taylor, NENEDD (Norfolk)  
Mickella Brabec, NENEDD (Norfolk)  
Jeff Christensen, NENEDD (Norfolk)  
Holly Quinn, NENEDD (Norfolk)

**III. Introduction of Council of Officials Members:** Council of Officials Representatives attending the meeting were Mayor Shannon Stuchlik - City of Pierce, Martin Griffith - Madison County Commissioner, Terry Wragge - Pierce County Commissioner, Hollie Olk - Platte County Supervisor, Greg Meier - Village of Coleridge, Beth Deck - City of Norfolk, and David Gutshall - Stanton County Commissioner.

**IV. Secretary's Report:** Kelvin Wurdeman made a motion to approve the agenda. Rob Merrill seconded the motion. Ayes: Wurdeman, Maggart, Wilcox, Luettel, Getzschman, Merrill, Miller and Biteghe Bi Ndong. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Gaylord Wilcox made a motion to approve the January 4, 2012 minutes as published. Kelvin Wurdeman seconded the motion. Ayes: Wurdeman, Maggart, Wilcox, Luettel, Getzschman, Merrill, Miller and Biteghe Bi Ndong. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

**V. Treasurer's Report:** Patsy Taylor presented the December 2011 Treasurer's report. Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong made a motion to approve the December 2011 Treasurer's report. Mayor Scott Getzschman seconded the motion. Ayes: Wurdeman, Maggart, Wilcox, Luettel, Getzschman, Merrill, Miller and Biteghe Bi Ndong. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

**VI. Discussion Items**

**A. NENEDD Summer Board Meeting Times and Locations:** Tom Higginbotham led discussion on the locations and times of the summer board meetings. Several suggestions were made including Laurel and a tour of Laurel BioComposite, Santee, Clarkson, Scribner, Clearwater, Howells and a tour of Howells FAB, Albion and a tour of Azonic and Julie's Café. A new board meeting schedule will be made and distributed at the next meeting.

**B. NENEDD Board Retreat:** Tom Higginbotham led discussion. In 2008 the NED Inc. and NENEDD boards and staff participated in a board retreat conducted by NPPD. Prior to the board retreat, a survey was conducted asking member communities about the services offered. The results were shared at the board retreat and goals and action plans were set. Board members suggested meeting in Pierce or Ponca and having a recreational activity after the retreat. It was also suggested that June would be a good month to have the retreat. Staff will look at dates and places and report back to board.

**C. Quarterly Department Reports:** No discussion.

**VII. Action Items**

**A. Quarterly Loan Review:** Patsy Taylor presented the loan review. Business Loan #301017 – Personal bankruptcy. They are in the process of having their work out plan approved by the bankruptcy court. The last we talked to their attorney, they intend on paying us outside of this plan. Jeff confirmed with the land owner that they are still in business. They worked with them and have lowered their lease payment to help them, but in his words “doesn’t look good”. Business Loan #310003 – Personal bankruptcy. All assets of the business have been sold at auction through the bank. No proceeds left to pay us. We are recommending writing this one off but will still pursue collection after bankruptcy if possible. Principal to write off is \$33,599.76. Rob Merrill made a motion to approve the write-off of Loan #310003 in the principal amount of \$33,599.76. Gaylord Wilcox seconded the motion. Ayes: Wurdeman, Maggart, Wilcox, Luettel, Getzschman, Merrill, Miller and Biteghe Bi Ndong. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

**VIII. Chairman’s/Board Comments** – John F. Lohr thanked the staff and the board members for attending the meeting. John F. Lohr congratulated Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong and Melissa Graham on the new additions to their families.

**IX. Next Meeting Date:** The next NENEDD Board of Directors meeting will be Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 7:15 p.m. by conference call. The locations for the conference call will be published on February 14, 2012.

**X. Adjournment:** Rob Merrill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong seconded the motion. Ayes: Wurdeman, Maggart, Wilcox, Luettel, Getzschman, Merrill, Miller and Biteghe Bi Ndong. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.