

**NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Board of Directors Meeting

NENEDD Offices

111 S 1<sup>st</sup> St, Norfolk, NE 68701

Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 7:15 p.m.

Minutes

**I. Call to Order:** The Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Jeff Scherer, Chairman. Jeff Scherer informed the public about the location of the Open Meetings Act and that it is accessible to the public (LB 898).

**II. Roll Call:** Tom Higginbotham read roll call. The following were present:

Jeff Scherer, NENEDD Chairman, Smeal Fire Apparatus	Kelvin Wurdeman, NENEDD Vice- Chairman, Wayne County Commissioner (By Phone)	Vicki Saunders, NENEDD Secretary/Treasurer, City of Norfolk
John Lohr, NENEDD Board Member, City of Columbus (By Phone)	Kendrick Marshall, NENEDD Board Member, Nebraska Workforce Development	Tina Welding, NENEDD Board Member, West Point Chamber of Commerce (By Phone)
Skip Edwards, NENEDD Board Member, City of Fremont	Chris Miller, NENEDD Board Member, Don Miller Land Company (By Phone)	

**Board Members Absent:** Hank Thieman

**Others Present:**

Gaylord Wilcox, NED, Inc. President, 1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank of Schuyler/Howells	Lisa Walters, NED, Inc. Vice President, FRHS, Norfolk	Russ Wilcox, NED, Inc. Secretary/Treasurer, Private Representative
Mike Crosley, NED, Inc Board Member, Santee Sioux Nation (By Phone)	Rick Uhler, NED, Inc Board Member, Madison County	Melissa Graham, NED, Inc Board Member, Private Representative
Tom Higginbotham, NENEDD	Tina Engelbart, NENEDD	Patsy Taylor, NENEDD
Mickella Brabec, NENEDD	Jeff Christensen, NENEDD (By Phone)	Judy Joy, NENEDD

**III. Secretary's Report:** Vicki Saunders made the motion to approve the agenda and the June 2009 minutes as mailed. Kendrick Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- IV. Treasurer's Report:** Patsy Taylor presented the June 2009 Treasurer's Report. Skip Edwards made a motion to approve the June 2009 Treasurer's Report. Kendrick Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- V. Old Business:**
- A. RLF Report:** Jeff Christensen gave the RLF report.
- VI. New Business:**
- A. RLF Life Insurance – Bar-B-Q Central – O'Neill:** Jeff Christensen reported that one of the owners of Bar-B-Q Central, Garth Ducker, cannot get life insurance and would like the requirement to be waived. Mr Ducker did not have an existing policy and cannot purchase a new policy due to pre-existing medical condition. After discussion, it was determined that Mr Ducker needs to provide copies of rejection letters from several different life insurance companies. This item was tabled until the next meeting.
- B. City of Columbus Down Payment Assistance:** Judy Joy presented applicant #100241 for \$20,000. Tina Welding made a motion to approve applicant #100241 for \$20,000. John Lohr seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. NIFA-ABC Program (2<sup>nd</sup> Lien Position):** Tom Higginbotham discussed the NIFA-ABC Program available to first time home buyers. The NIFA program would move the NED, Inc down payment assistance loan from a second position to a third position.
- D. Resolution and Letter of Support – Laurel Certified Community**  
**Application:** Tom Higginbotham led discussion on the letter of support for Laurel. The staff recommended providing a letter of support. Tina Welding made a motion to approve the resolution and letter of support for Laurel. Kelvin Wurdeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- E. Quarterly Strategic Plan Update:** Tina Engelbart gave the update on the strategic plan and what has been accomplished in the past 12 months.
- F. Appoint Nominating Committee:** Jeff Scherer appointed himself and Kendrick Marshall to the nominating committee.
- G. Quarterly Staff Reports:** Jeff Scherer complimented the staff on doing a good job and appreciated the reports.
- H. Quarterly Loan Review:** Patsy Taylor reported on the NENEDD loans. There were no loans and note.
- I. Executive Session:** Not needed to discuss loans.
- J. Executive Director's Comments:** None.

- VII. Chairman's/Board Comments: None**  
**Next meeting:** *The next meeting is Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at The Imperial Grill, 118 E 4<sup>th</sup>, Neligh, NE at 7:15 p.m.*
- VIII. Adjournment:** There being no further business, Chairman Jeff Scherer adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.