

**NORTHEAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. – NED, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.**

*City of Columbus Offices – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 2424 14th St, Columbus, NE 68601*  
*City of Norfolk Offices – Training Room, 309 N 5<sup>th</sup> St, Norfolk, NE 68701*  
*West Point Chamber of Commerce – 200 Anna Stalp Ave, West Point, NE 68788*  
*Wayne Chamber of Commerce – 108 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Wayne, NE 68787*

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order:** The Northeast Economic Development, Inc. (NED, Inc.) Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by NED, Inc. President Loren Kucera. Loren Kucera informed the public about the location of the Open Meetings Act LB 898 and that it is accessible to the public.

**II. Roll Call:** NENEDD Fiscal Officer Kristen Rosner read roll call.

**Board Members Present:**

Loren Kucera, NED, Inc. President, Nebraska Business Development Center (NBDC),  
Wayne (Norfolk)

Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, NED, Inc. Vice President, West Point Chamber of Commerce (West  
Point)

John F. Lohr, NED, Inc. Secretary/Treasurer, NeighborWorks, Northeast Nebraska,  
Columbus (Columbus)

Megan Weaver, NED, Inc. Board Member, Wayne Community Housing Development  
Corporation (Wayne)

Brad Albers, NED, Inc. Board Member, Pierce County Commissioner (Norfolk)

Jerry Engdahl, NED, Inc. Board Member, Platte County (Columbus)

**Board Members Absent:**

**Others Present:**

Thomas L. Higginbotham Jr., NENEDD (Norfolk)

Kristen Rosner, NENEDD (Norfolk)

Judy Joy, NENEDD (Norfolk)

**III. Introduction of Guests:** NED, Inc. President Loren Kucera asked everyone attending the meeting to introduce themselves to the group.

**IV. Secretary's Report**

**A. Approval of February 28, 2018 Agenda & January 31, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** Brad Albers made a motion to approve the February 28, 2018 agenda and January 31, 2018 meeting minutes. Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong seconded the motion. **AYES:** Brad Albers, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Jerry Engdahl, Loren Kucera, John Lohr and Megan Weaver. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. Motion carried.

**V. Treasurer's Report**

**A. January 2018 Treasurer's Report:** NENEDD Fiscal Officer Kristen Rosner presented the report. John Lohr made a motion to approve the January 2018 Treasurer's Report as presented. Megan Weaver seconded the motion. **AYES:** Brad Albers, Tina Biteghe Bi

Ndong, Jerry Engdahl, Loren Kucera, John Lohr and Megan Weaver. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. Motion carried.

**VI. Action Items**

**A. Recommendation to approve down payment assistance applicant #101459:** NENEDD Housing Loan Specialist Judy Joy presented. NENEDD staff has reviewed the application and is recommending approval for down payment assistance in the amount of \$30,000 for applicant #101459. Megan Weaver made a motion to approve applicant #101459 for down payment assistance in the amount of \$30,000. Brad Albers seconded the motion. **AYES:** Brad Albers, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Jerry Engdahl, Loren Kucera, John Lohr and Megan Weaver. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. Motion carried.

**B. Recommendation to approve down payment assistance applicant #101460:** NENEDD Housing Loan Specialist Judy Joy presented. NENEDD staff has reviewed the application and is recommending approval for down payment assistance in the amount of \$22,200 for applicant #101460 contingent upon repairs being completed. The City of Columbus Community Development Block Grant Reuse Funds will be utilized for the down payment assistance. Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong made a motion to approve applicant #101460 for down payment assistance in the amount of \$22,200 contingent upon completion of repairs. Megan Weaver seconded the motion. **AYES:** Brad Albers, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Jerry Engdahl, Loren Kucera, John Lohr and Megan Weaver. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. Motion carried.

**VIII. President/Board Comments:** None.

**IX. Next Meeting Date:** The next Northeast Economic Development, Inc. Board of Directors meeting will be Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held by conference call. The call locations will be publicized March 14, 2018.

**X. Adjournment:** Brad Albers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong seconded the motion. **AYES:** Brad Albers, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Jerry Engdahl, Loren Kucera, John Lohr and Megan Weaver. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. Motion carried. NED, Inc. President Loren Kucera adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.