

NORTHEAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting

Uptown Café

801 10th St, Stanton, NE 68779

Tuesday, February 24th, 2009, 7:15 p.m.

Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** The NED, Inc. Board meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Gaylord Wilcox, President. Gaylord Wilcox 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:

Gaylord Wilcox, NED, Inc. President, 1 st National Bank of Schuyler/Howells	Lisa Walters, NED, Inc. Secretary/Treasurer, FRHS, Norfolk	Sister Margaret Garcia, NED Inc. Board Member, Immaculata Monastery
Rick Uhler, NED, Inc. Board Member, Madison County		

Board Members Absent: Mike Crosley, Wilfred Henry, Russ Wilcox

Others Present:

Jeff Scherer, NENEDD Chairman, Smeal Fire Apparatus	Kelvin Wurdeman, NENEDD Vice-Chairman, Wayne County Commissioner	Hank Thieman, NENEDD Board Member, Petersburg
Kendrick Marshall, NENEDD Board Member, Nebraska Workforce Development	Luis Lucar, NENEDD Board Member, Lucar Video Productions (by phone)	Tom Higginbotham, NENEDD
Tina Engelbart, NENEDD	Patsy Taylor, NENEDD	Judy Joy, NENEDD
Mickella Brabec, NENEDD		

- III. Secretary's Report:** Lisa Walters made the motion to approve the agenda and the January 2009 minutes as mailed. Sister Margaret Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- IV. Treasurer's Report:** Patsy Taylor presented the January 2009 Treasurer's Report. Rick Uhler made the motion to accept the January Treasurer's report as presented. Lisa Walters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- V. Old Business:**

A. RLF Report: Tom Higginbotham gave the report.

VI. New Business:

- A. Public Hearing for Grant #07-TFHP-5019:** NED, Inc President Gaylord Wilcox opened the public hearing for grant #07-TFHP-5019 at 7:09. Tom Higginbotham led discussion. No comments were heard from the public.
- B. Public Hearing for Grant #07-TFDH-5079:** The public hearing was opened and Tom Higginbotham discussed the grant. No comments were heard from the public. NED, Inc President Gaylord Wilcox closed the public hearings at 7:15.
- C. Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Guideline Amendment:** Tom Higginbotham led discussion on the amendment to the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation guidelines. The staff suggested disbanding the Housing Board in order to streamline the OOR process. The other recommended change was to give clients with local funds available priority over clients without local funding. This change will allow more projects to be completed in a more timely manner. Discussion followed. Lisa Walters made the motion to amend the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Guidelines to disband the Housing board and to give clients with local funding priority. Rick Uhlir seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D. Resolution to apply to USDA-RBEG – Technical Assistance for Small Business Network:** Tom Higginbotham discussed the application to USDA for technical assistance for small business networking. Rick Uhlir made a motion to approve the application to USDA-RBEG for Technical Assistance for Small Business Network for an amount up to \$50,000. Sister Margaret Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- E. Resolution to apply to USDA-RBEG – Feasibility Study:** Tom Higginbotham discussed the application to apply to USDA-RBEG for funds to conduct a Feasibility Study. Lisa Walters made a motion to approve the application to USDA-RBEG for Feasibility Study funds for an amount up to \$100,000. Rick Uhlir seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- F. Annual Meeting Dates:** Tom Higginbotham informed the NED, Inc board of directors that this year's annual meeting will be held in West Point at the Nielsen Center. The possible dates of the meeting are July 1st – 9th, July 13th – 16th, July 20th – 23rd, and July 27th – 31st. Lisa Walters suggested that due to the 4th of July holiday, the first week in July be taken off the list. The board members will check their calendars and let the NENEDD office know what date(s) will work best for them. Jeff Scherer informed the group if there was going to be a golf outing following the meeting that men's league is on Tuesdays and women's league is on Wednesdays.

VII. President's/Board Comments: Lisa Walters asked if NENEDD was involved in the West Point Economic Summit. It was reported that NENEDD staff member Leo Ahmann is on the planning committee and Executive Director Tom Higginbotham is scheduled to speak at the event. The summit is April 23rd, 2009.

Next meeting is: *Wednesday, March 25th, 2009 at the NENEDD Offices, 111 S 1st St, Norfolk, NE at 7:15 p.m.*

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business, President Gaylord Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.