

**NORTHEAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC.**

Board of Directors Meeting

J's Steakhouse

406 N Main St, Fremont, NE 68701

Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

**I. Call to Order:** The NED, Inc. Board meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 <sup>st</sup> National Bank of Schuyler/Howells	Lisa Walters, NED, Inc. Secretary/Treasurer, FRHS, Norfolk	Wilfred Henry, NED, Inc Vice President, Goldenrod Hills
Russ Wilcox, NED, Inc. Board Member, Private Representative		

**Board Members Absent:** Mike Crosley, Sister Margaret Garcia, Rick Uhler

**Others Present:**

Jeff Scherer, NENEDD Chairman, Smeal Fire Apparatus	Kelvin Wurdeman, NENEDD Vice-Chairman, Wayne County Commissioner	Vicki Saunders, NENEDD Secretary/Treasurer, City of Norfolk
John Lohr, NENEDD Board Member, City of Columbus	Kendrick Marshall, NENEDD Board Member, Nebraska Workforce Development	Tina Welding, NENEDD Board Member, West Point Chamber of Commerce
Hank Thieman, NENEDD Board Member, Boone County	Tom Higginbotham, NENEDD	Tina Engelbart, NENEDD
Patsy Taylor, NENEDD	Mickella Brabec, NENEDD	Holly Sisson, NENEDD
Brenda Anderson, NENEDD	Jeff Christensen, NENEDD	Kerri Christensen, Schuyler
Mayor Skip Edwards, City of Fremont	Jan Rise, City of Fremont	

**III. Secretary's Report:** Lisa Walters made the motion to approve the agenda and the May 2009 minutes as mailed. Wilfred Henry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**IV. Treasurer's Report:** Patsy Taylor presented the May 2009 Treasurer's Report. Russ Wilcox made the motion to accept the May Treasurer's report as presented. Lisa Walters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**V. Old Business:**

**A. RLF Report:** Holly Sisson gave the report.

**VI. New Business:**

**A. Down Payment Assistance:** Brenda Anderson presented applicant #100170 in the amount of \$8,500. Wilfred Henry made the motion to approve applicant #100170 for \$8,500. Russ Wilcox seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. Decrease in Proposed Accomplishments for Flood Disaster Grant (07-TFDH-5079):** Brenda Anderson led discussion on the decrease for Flood Disaster Grants (07-TFDH-5079). The grant was for repairs to flood victims' homes but was only for new repairs; by the time the grant process was completed and approved, most flood victims had the repairs completed. Lisa Walters made a motion to approve the decrease in Proposed Accomplishments for Flood Disaster Grant (07-TFDH-5079). Russ Wilcox seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**C. Select Auditor:** Tom Higginbotham reported that two firms had sent in proposals for conducting the annual audit. The staff recommended Scow, Kruse, Schumacher & Smejkal PC. The Scow proposal was more cost effective and provided a timeline. Russ Wilcox made a motion to select Scow, Kruse, Schumacher & Smejkal PC for auditor. Wilfred Henry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**D. Adoption of 2009-2010 Budget:** President Gaylord Wilcox led discussion on the proposed budget. The budget committee and staff members met Friday, June 19, 2009 to discuss the budget. Lisa Walters made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 budget. Wilfred Henry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**E. Appoint NED, Inc RLF Committee Members:** Tom Higginbotham announced and led discussion on two new board candidates for the RLF committee. Ryan Jensen (Thurston Manufacturing), and Joe Johnson (City of David City Administrator) were nominated to serve a three year term each on the RLF committee. Kevin Wilkins (Greater Fremont Development Council) was nominated for reappointment. Russ Wilcox made a motion to accept the nominations of Kevin Wilkins, Ryan Jensen and Joe Johnson to serve on the RLF committee for a three year term

(7/1/2009 – 6/30/2012). Wilfred Henry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**F. Appoint NED, Inc. Board Members:** Wilfred Henry submitted his resignation from the NED, Inc board. Tom Higginbotham discussed a board candidate, Melissa Smith-Graham (Miss Sues Salon & Spa – Laurel). Russ Wilcox made a motion to approve the appointment of Melissa Smith-Graham for a three year term (7/1/2009-6/30/2012) and reappoint Rick Uhlir (Madison County) and Lisa Walters (Faith Regional Health Services) for another three year term (7/1/2009-6/30/2012). Lisa Walters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**G. Nomination and Election of Officers:** Lisa Walters was nominated for the Vice President position and Russ Wilcox was nominated for the Secretary/Treasurer position. Wilfred Henry made a motion to cease nominations and accept by acclamation the slate of officers as presented: Gaylord Wilcox, President, Lisa Walters, Vice-Chairman, Russ Wilcox, Secretary/Treasurer. Russ Wilcox seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**H. Executive Director Comments:** Tom Higginbotham shared comments on NED, Inc and some of the year's highlights.

**VII. President's/Board Comments:**

**Next meeting:** *Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at NENEDD Offices, 111 S 1<sup>st</sup> St, Norfolk, NE at 7:00 p.m. The annual meeting is Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Nielsen Center in West Point.*

**VIII. Adjournment:** There being no further business, President Gaylord Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.