



## **Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. Open meeting laws noted in City Office (as meeting was temporarily held at Pinpoint due to City Office construction).

**Members Present:** Tom Shoemaker, Darcy Johnson, Derek Downer, Judy Jackson, Randy Heitmann, Jarod Albers, Jan tenBensel

**Members Absent:** Logan Baker, Dave Custer

**Others Present:** Melissa Jackson

**Agenda Corrections or Additions:** Added Camas Internship Grant, Harvest Meadows update.

**Consent Approval of Financials/Invoices and Minutes and Bills:** A motion to approve the Minutes and Bills was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Jan tenBensel. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Melissa Jackson gave an activities report to the Board. M. Jackson will explore NPPD strategic planning opportunities.

Jan gave an update on discussions with Anthony Goins at a recent Nebraska DED meeting.

Discussion was held on the Internship grant process and guidelines. The Board determined two interns can be utilized to meet the 240-hour requirement. The program will not pay over \$1,000, and if the 240-hour requirement is not met, payment will be prorated. Also, work needs to be completed within 12 months after the application is approved. M. Jackson will rework the application form/guidelines.

Walking path beautification – M. Jackson shared an idea to hold a city-wide clean-up around Earth Day (April 22) of the trash and dead tree limbs along the walking path. M. Jackson will speak to the City, and coordinate clean-up crews, school children, local volunteer organizations, etc., if agreeable to the City.

Discussion was held on a bridge/walking trail out to Harvest Meadows.

The Board reviewed Southwest Nebraska Playbook advertising. M. Jackson gathered more information regarding readership and distribution. The Board conducted an email vote and declined advertising in the 2020 edition.

M. Jackson presented a Grow with Google educational opportunity for local businesses in collaboration with the Butler Memorial Library. A motion made by Judy Jackson, seconded by Darcy Johnson, to fund the program at \$500. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Camas Internship Grant application. A motion to approve the grant was made by Darcy Johnson, seconded by Tom Shoemaker. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Harvest Meadows activities. The Board requested a Joint Committee meeting. A motion was made by Jan tenBensel, seconded by Darcy Johnson, to recommend to the Joint Committee to move the 2 remaining lots on the north side of Prairie View Drive into the incentivized lot program at \$20,000, after Lot 7 legal paperwork is signed by Andrew Benson. One incentivized lot remains on the south side (Lot 9), which is designed for a duplex and incentivized at \$30,000.

**Project Updates:**

The Board recommended to hold on the April Business of the Month due to cancellations/postponements in Cambridge surrounding COVID-19 concerns. M. Jackson to revisit with the Chamber in a couple of weeks.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.