



**Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2020**

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. Open meeting laws noted in City Office.

**Members Present:** Tom Shoemaker, Darcy Johnson, Derek Downer, Judy Jackson, Randy Heitmann, Logan Baker, Dave Custer, Jan tenBensel

**Members Absent:** Jarod Albers

**Others Present:** Melissa Jackson

**Agenda Corrections or Additions:** Builders incentive; downtown building; Lockenour-Jones Internship application added to agenda.

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

**New Business:**

Melissa Jackson gave an activities report to the Board.

M. Jackson updated the Board on the current gift card promotion with the Chamber of Commerce. It has been successful to date. If needed for Phase 2, an option would be to incentivize the customer and the business; or, honor in-store gift card purchases.

The Board brainstormed a second wave of the "Hardship Grant." M. Jackson to research ideas and come back to the Board in a couple of weeks for further discussion.

The Board reviewed the Pinpoint Internship Grant application. A motion to approve the grant was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Judy Jackson. Tom Shoemaker abstained. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Lockenour-Jones Internship Grant application. A motion to approve the grant was made by Derek Downer, seconded by Logan Baker. Motion carried.

**Project Updates:**

The Board held discussion about builder's incentives for lots within City limits. A decision was made to keep incentives only in Harvest Meadows. M. Jackson to explore opportunities for a rental rehab program.

Office updates: Frenchman Valley Cambridge is remodeling the house by the diversion dam into offices and the office in town will relocate. This will open up a new building downtown for rent. Bob Trosper is moving into Patterson Building. M. Jackson will revisit with the City about rental land south of Brad Williams.

The group heard a recap on the first seven Town Hall meetings and added agenda items for the Friday, May 15 call.

The next ED Board meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in joining the monthly Zoom meeting, please send a request to [edcity@swnebr.net](mailto:edcity@swnebr.net).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.