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**Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. Open meeting laws noted in the City Office.

**Members Present:** Tom Shoemaker, Darcy Johnson, Derek Downer, Lori Harding, Randy Heitmann, Judy Jackson, Jason Weiss

**Members Absent:** Jan tenBensel, Jarod Albers

**Others Present:** Melissa Jackson

**Consent Approval of Financials/Invoices and Minutes and Bills:** The Board reviewed the August financials. A motion was made by Judy Jackson, seconded by Darcy Johnson, to approve the financials. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

M. Jackson gave an activities report.

The Board reviewed the Senior Center façade grant application. A motion was made by Darcy Johnson, seconded by Jason Weiss, to approve the application. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Flyaway façade grant application. A motion was made by Derek Downer, seconded by Lori Harding, to approve the application. Motion carried.

**Project Updates:**

Those in attendance reviewed and signed the 501c3 paperwork to create the “Economic Development Foundation.”

The group held further discussion about bringing new business to town. Ideas shared were NPPD resources including the targeted industry study suggestions on businesses needed in Furnas County, google ads, and direct mail. Jason Weiss commented that NPPD is not updating the transformer until 2030 so the power necessary for new business is just not there.

Derek Downer gave an update on daycare foundation funds for Rural Workforce Housing.

The Board agreed not to include the ETJ on Down Payment Assistance.

**Public Comment:**

Darcy Johnson asked Tom Shoemaker and Jason Weiss about street progress in Harvest Meadows.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at the City offices.