



Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. Open meeting laws noted in the City Office.

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

Members Absent: Jan tenBensel

Others Present: Melissa Jackson

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

New Business:

M. Jackson gave an activities report.

The Board reviewed the Butler Memorial Library intern application. A motion was made by Jason Weiss, seconded by Darcy Johnson, to approve the application. Derek Downer abstained. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Benson Properties housing rehab program application. A motion was made by Randy Heitmann, seconded by Judy Jackson, to approve the application. Motion carried.

Project Updates:

M. Jackson gave an update on the new website. A thorough audit has been conducted and the site is ready but is waiting for DNS transfer.

The Board held general discussion and shared thoughts about the Thriv tour in Grand Island. Overall, the four that attended were very impressed with the abilities and ambition of the Thriv team and are excited about the future of Harvest Meadows. The group also asked questions about how Rural Workforce Housing funds could be used with a local developer.

Public Comment:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at the City offices.

Economic Development Foundation Board Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 12:53 p.m. Open meeting laws noted in the City Office.

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

Members Absent: Jan tenBensel

Others Present: Melissa Jackson, Courtney Stanton

The Foundation Board reviewed the bylaws and made suggested changes/corrections. M. Jackson to contact the attorney to make said changes and the Board will review and vote during the March meeting.

Courtney Stanton gave an update on Foundation attorney's fees. The Cambridge City Council voted and agreed to make a one-time donation from the City out of the general fund based on the basis that it will benefit the City by stimulating economic growth.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.