

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Valley County Economic Development Board
October 28, 2009**

1. A meeting of the Valley County Economic Development Board was held at the Economic Development Office, 1514 K Street, Ord, Nebraska on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 pursuant to the notice that was properly posted at City Hall, Valley County Courthouse and the Economic Development Office. President, Larry Schultz called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. Board members present: Russ Blaha, Helen Cullers, Pat Waldmann, Larry Schultz, Jane Maschka, Jade Stunkel, Zane Dexter. Board members absent: Bob Stowell. Also present: Caleb Pollard, Janie Zadina, Lu Lansman, Tim Erickson, Dan Pabian.
2. Schultz referred to the location of the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall in the conference room.
3. Verify notice of Meeting and Adoption of Agenda. Notice of meeting was posted at the Valley County Court House, Ord City Hall and the Economic Development Office. Moved by Maschka, seconded by Waldmann to adopt the agenda. Roll call vote. Voting yes: Cullers, Waldmann, Schultz, Maschka, Stunkel, Dexter, Blaha. Voting no: None.
4. Approve minutes of September 16, 2009 meeting. Motion by Blaha, second by Stunkel to approve the amended minutes for September 16, 2009. Roll call vote: Voting yes: Waldmann, Schultz, Maschka, Stunkel, Dexter, Blaha, Cullers. Voting no: None.
5. Approval of Financial Report, Bills and Petty Cash. Moved by Blaha, seconded by Maschka to approve the financial report, bills and petty cash. Roll call vote. Voting yes: Waldmann, Schultz, Maschka, Stunkel, Dexter, Blaha, Cullers. Voting no: None
6. Public Comment: Tim Erickson, Business Development Director for the AIM institute spoke about Careerlink job opportunities and a "Businesses for Sale" database. Dan Pabian from Frontier Communications explained different phone plans & phone options for CCC and the ED office.
7. New Business:
 - a. BECA Grant Match Request: No Action Taken.
 - b. 2009-2010 Sponsorship Drive: The Sponsorship Drive will begin in early December. Pollard will have Sponsorship material available at that time.
 - c. Mortensen Industrial Site Signage: Love Signs from Grand Island contacted the Valley County ED office about signage at the Industrial Site. The company would like a chance to bid on a sign if the board decides to put a sign at the site. Discussion followed; no action taken.
 - d. Cindy Gabriel payment: Motion by Stunkel to pay Cindy Gabriel for hours worked while staff was on vacation at the rate of \$8 an hour plus .55 cents a mile for delivering brochures. Motion seconded by Waldmann. Roll call vote. Voting yes: Schultz, Maschka, Stunkel, Dexter, Blaha, Cullers, Waldmann. Voting no: none.
 - e. Jessica John hire: Jessica John will be working at the ED/Chamber office for up to 6 hours per week through December 2009. Springdale Realty will be paying her wages.
 - f. Strategic Planning: A Strategic Planning meeting for 2010 will be held in early January. Board members are encouraged to be thinking of goals and projects for 2010.
8. Old Business.
 - a. CCC Update: Carpenters from CCC are currently building classrooms, moving lights, and preparing the building for classes. Karin Rieger, from CCC and Lu Lansman are working on class scheduling. Projected opening date for the center is January 2010.
 - b. New Neighborhoods II update: The City of Ord and the ED office is awaiting official word from the Nebraska Economic Development office of funding for the New Neighborhoods project.

9. Reports.
 - a. Executive Director Report: Pollard presented the ED Quarterly Report. Valley County ED and Central Community College have jointly applied for a Rural Community Development Initiative Grant for an Entrepreneurship Academy. Pollard will testify to the Nebraska Unicameral about the Microenterprise Act and its impact on Economic Development in Nebraska on November 9th.
10. Committee Reports.
 - a. Building, Site & Recruitment –
 - b. Finance –
 - c. Executive & Personnel -
11. Task Force Reports.
 - a. Housing –
 - b. Leadership-
 - c. Charitable Assets –
 - d. Entrepreneurship –
12. Assignments/dates to remember.
13. Next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at noon in the Economic Development Office Conference Room.
14. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2009

Jane Maschka - Secretary