



## Story County Economic Development Group Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2019

Public Meeting Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Story County Administration Building  
Nevada, Iowa

ATTENDEES: Martin Herr, Greg Schlueter, Jody Meredith, John Hall, Craig D. Henry, Dustin Ingram, David Thom, Steven Gast, Doug Miller, Amy Kohlwes, Jay Wilson, Jacki Meimann, Gayle Springer, Sonia Arellano Dodd, Jennifer Davies, Leanne Harter

1. Welcome and Introductions – Vice Chair Steven Gast called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2019  
John Hall motioned, Craig Henry second. Passed unanimously.
3. Organization Meeting
  - a. Election of Officers  
*Nomination of Drew Kamp for Chair*  
Amy Kohlwes motioned, Greg Schlueter second. Passed unanimously.  
*Nomination of Greg Schlueter for Vice Chair*  
Schlueter motioned. Gast second. Passed unanimously.
  - b. Annual Eligibility Determinations  
Leanne Harter provided an overview. According to the bylaws, all communities except McCallsburg are eligible for funding during FY2020.
  - c. Determination of Annual Allocation Amounts  
Jennifer Davies provided an overview as to how the amounts have been historically determined and the procedures followed. Hall motioned allocations as presented. Henry second. Passed unanimously.
4. Economic Development Summit Update  
Dustin Ingram provided an update for the event scheduled for September 20 and shared there would be no costs for communities to attend.
5. Community and County Updates  
*Cambridge*  
The community is compiling good estimates of costs for the Legion Building project prior to moving forward. The sanitary sewer project is waiting on action by the IDNR.

*AEDC (Dustin and John)*

DMACC training program is established, and low-income persons may be eligible to participate in the program at no charge.

*Huxley*

The city is evaluating moving forward with the phase 4 expansion plans for the industrial park. An offer is being accepted for the lot next to Fareway. There is a new housing development northwest of the high school. Potential buyers are interested in Blue Sky Commons. Kum and Go is going through the approvals process.

*Nevada*

NEDC Strategic Plan findings released in April. The Main Street community presentation is scheduled for July 31. Planning for the downtown project/improvements underway and construction starting spring 2020.

*Slater*

The community has experienced eight new homes in the last year, with another housing development north of town discussions underway. Construction of building on Main Street has started. Street work is underway.

*Kelley*

Properties have sold for construction for new housing units. Building permit issued for a business located on Main Street.

*Maxwell*

Dollar General is located in Maxwell. Houses are selling as soon as placed on the market; however, the development on the north side of town is on hold. Lagoon renovations are being required, and as such, sewer rates will be increasing.

*McCallsburg*

The community is getting close to finishing the wellness fitness center. New water main is being located down Main Street. Hoping for updates along the Praeri Rail Trail through town.

*Zearing*

The medical clinic open for five months and has exceeded expectations. Work at 108 E. Main continues progress. There is some interest in a "little house" project that is being discussed. The extension of Praeri Rail through Zearing is underway. The new project in the community is the fire station renovation.

*Collins*

The community has a new city clerk. The next phase of the stormwater project has started. There are new housing starts and businesses in the community.

*Story City*

Opportunities for residential development are opening up and the industrial park is growing. The library purchased the building next to them and expansion planned. A downtown building that had been two buildings but over time combined into one is being reconfigured back into original format. New day care is being located downtown.

*Gilbert*

Lagoon project will be finished in August. Construction is underway on a commercial building next to City Hall. The school district is working on expansion plans and construction. Approximately 400 new home subdivision being established to the south.

*Roland*

Work continues on the pool project. Lagoon project expected to be done by September. The bridge replacement project timing is being planned out to coincide with pool improvements. Community is landlocked and continues to deal with property owners asking too much for land inhibiting annexation and growth.

*Colo*

Wilson Auction building construction is going up. The City is working on a potential development to the West were the City may purchase 25 lots. Schools are working on ADA-compliance issues and improvements. Colo Days and the inaugural Team Grayson 5K race raised \$14,000 for MDA.

6. Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

Discussion occurred regarding the housing needs assessment. This will be brought forward in August to the Board of Supervisors for direction to staff.

7. Dates to remember:

- a. August: BOS Approval of Annual Allocation Amounts and Release of Funds
- b. Applications for County Funding Program Projects Due on or Before September 30<sup>th</sup>
- c. Next Meeting: October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Public Meeting Room – 2nd Floor
- d. Story County Administration Building, Nevada
  - i. Approve County Funding Program Projects
  - ii. Joint Meeting with BOS and Budget Discussion
- e. November: BOS Acts on County Funding Program Projects

Adjournment motioned by Schlueter, second by Hall. Passed unanimously.