



Story County Economic Development Group Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2019

Gilbert City Hall

ATTENDEES: Greg Schlueter, Delbert Amsden, Doug Miller, Steve Gast, Dave Thom, Jodi Meredith, Sonia Arellano Dodd, Mark Jackson, Stephanie Woodhouse, Karen Denger, Craig Henry, Michael Cox, Susan Erickson, John Hall, Karen Davis, Drew Kamp

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2019

Scott DeYoung motioned, Greg Schlueter second. Passed unanimously.

3. Discussion Regarding Annual Allocation Reports and Appointed Representative

Question was raised about the number of appointments allowed.

4. Economic Development Summit Update

Plans are for September 20th. Dustin will need to provide an update via email to the group. It was recommended that Dustin seek approval on topics from the communities at SCEDG.

5. Community and County Updates

Slater

Awarded Catalyst Grant for Gross Wen Technology. Open house for the demo facility will be in June. Starting to consider community center on Main Street.

Huxley

Trail head design is complete and working on easements. Winery and micro brewery moving along with plans to open in August. 3 developments moving with 500+ residential lots. Last HDC lot has been sold.

Kelley

No updates.

Colo

Exploring land for housing development. Auction house is under construction. Niland's has reopened.

Zearing

Prairie Rail Trail Expansion is underway. 108 E Main is hoping to be complete mid-summer. 2 buildings the city owns that are being considered for redevelopment.

Story City

Eby Expansion will be completed by the end of May for manufacturing and June for the sales office. Soilview construction is scheduled for this summer. 14 of 28 new housing lots are sold. Woodland Farms has created land for 45 housing lots. North Park 2nd phase is under construction. Mall redevelopment is going well.

Gilbert

Water plant bid is going out, estimating \$4.7 million. 2/3 through wastewater project at \$4.3 million. 40 acres being developed with residential, town homes, and apartments. The bike trail will be connected through the development.

Roland

Pool bond passed for \$3.1 million. Lagoon will be completed by September for \$4.2 million. Bridge through town planned in 2020.

Cambridge

Catalyst grant for Legion Building & Huxley Communications for REDL&G secured. Sewer upgrade application is into the DNR.

Maxwell

51 acres for development is in the process of sale. Dollar General plans are being reviewed. Sewer plant in design review with DNR.

Collins

City Clerk Retired - job is open through May 10th. Annexing land for housing & Landus. Deploying TIF to new areas for street repair. First new house built in a long time currently in process for a sale. Meeting with Flummerfelt to discuss in-fill lots.

Ames

Vertex announcement - currently at 81 employees going to 300 in 3 years. ISU Research Park Director announcement expected soon. Comp Plan update underway. Downtown Parking study being conducted. 2 new housing development on the south side of town. Development agreement for Fleet Farm being worked on.

Nevada

Downtown redevelopment planning is underway. Verbio construction has started. Burke construction has started.

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June 28th Tedesco Learning Corridor is opening. Hickory Grove Lake is drained for the summer for construction. Prairie Rail Trail will be completed this summer. Hear of Iowa from Slate to Huxley is planned for this summer.

6. Approval of Calendar Year 2019 Meeting Calendar

Calendar Invites have been sent out. October meeting is in Huxley.

7. Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

The Housing Study was brought up as a topic of conversation. Supervisor Olson had originally been working on it and it died at the Story County Supervisors table. It was motioned to continue to conversation with the County regarding a housing study for communities outside of Ames by Gast. Seconded by Henry. Motion passed.

There was conversation about the need for a Flood Plain Manager through a 28E agreement with a number of the communities.

Conversation was had on the Property Tax Bill that recently passed. Additionally, SAVE passed.

Adjourned at 11:07 AM.

Approved by the Story County Economic Development Group on July 18, 2019