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Story County Economic Development Group Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2021

Colo Community Center
309 Main Street – Colo, Iowa

ATTENDEES: John Hall, Greg Schlueter, Barb McBreen, Jacki Meimann, Gayle Springer, Lisa Heddens, Latifah Faisal, Jodi Meredith, Amy Kohlwes, Amelia Schoeneman, Amy Howard, Lind Murken, Shanon McKinley, Mark Jackson, Jennifer Davis, Dan Culhane, Sonia Sundberg, Rita Conner

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Chair Greg Schlueter called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Kohlwes/Meredith – Motion to Approve (MCU)
3. **Organization of Meeting**
 - a. Motion to nominate Greg Schlueter for another term as Chair by Jackson, second by Culhane, all approved
 - b. Motion to nominate Amy Kohlwes to Vice Chair by Schlueter, second by McBreen, all approved
4. **Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2021**
Motion by Howard, second by Kohlwes, all approved
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Annual Allocation Amounts**
Determination will be discussed on October 21 meeting as all forms were not returned in time. Group discussion regarding changing the forms to simplify the process. Also mentioned was creating terms so that the representative portion didn't have to be updated annually. Murken wants to check with the state auditor to make sure that the current forms are not needed for auditing purposes before any changes are made.
 - b. **ED Summit 2021**
Date will be released within the next week or so – working with Debi Durham's schedule.
 - c. **Broadband Study**
Raw data is back, and the results do not match exactly to the maps released by the Office of Chief Information Officer (OCIO). Focus has been shifted to Broadband grants which provide a match for increased areas of support for Telecommunication

Companies. Story County Planning and Development is being helpful in shepherding this process along for them to ensure success. Deadline is next week.

d. Forms / Deadlines

Discussed in Annual Allocation Amounts Determination section

6. New Business

a. American Rescue Fund

Cities have 30 days to draw down funds.

Heddens is meeting with all the mayors in Story County communities to get an idea of need to assist in determining ARF dollars.

7. Community and County updates

Participants presented updates from the communities that were in attendance.

8. Non-Agenda items

Chapter 28E - Sorensen had approached communities in Story County regarding a joint Enforcement Officer for interested communities. \$6.52/per resident in each community would be the cost. Discussion regarding the best way to start moving forward on this as there was much interest. Schoeneman will add this item to the Board of Supervisors agenda for formal discussion.

A committee can be formed out of the SCEDG community reps to outline possible process, uniformity of community ordinance, etc.

9. Next Meeting – October 21, 2021, at the City Center, 203 Water Street Cambridge, Iowa

10. Adjournment Motion to adjourn by Hall, second by Meredith, all approved – 11:19 AM