



Story County Economic Development Group Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2022

Cambridge City Center, 225 Water St.
Cambridge, Iowa

ATTENDEES: Amy Kohlwes (Colo), Jodi Meredith (Roland), Karen Denger (Kelley), Shelly Winscott (Cambridge), Debbie Younkin (Story County Planning and Zoning Commission), Susan Roberts (Cambridge), Karen Davis (Zearing), Greg Piklapp (Ames Chamber of Commerce/EDC), Amy Howard (Ames Chamber of Commerce/EDC), Brenda Dryer (Nevada EDC), Sonia Sundberg (Gilbert), Mark Jackson (Story City), Lisa Heddens (Story County Board of Supervisors), Steven Gast (Maxwell), Rita Conner (Huxley), Barb McBreen (Cambridge), Bobby Chubbic (Cambridge), Linda Murken (Story County Board of Supervisors), Bryce Garman (Story County staff), Leanne Harter (Story County staff)

1. **Welcome and Introductions – Chair Amy Kohlwes called the meeting to order**
2. **Approval of Agenda - with the addition of minutes from January 27, 2022**
Gast/McBreen - Motion to Approve (MCU)
3. Organization Meeting
 - a. Election of Officers
Chair – Amy Kohlwes
Jackson/Denger – Motion to Approve (MCU)

Vice-Chair – Karen Davis
Kohlwes/Dryer – Motion to Approve (MCU)
4. **Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2022, and January 27, 2022**
Howard/Davis – Motion to Approve (MCU)
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Economic Development Summit**
Greg Piklapp provided a brief overview of what was anticipated to be discussed, noting the focus on housing and economic development issues.
 - b. **Housing Study Update**
Leanne Harter provided an update on where the process was and the next steps.

c. Annual Strategic Planning – reports from Subcommittees

This will be discussed at future meetings.

6. New Business

a. Annual Report

Harter presented the draft Annual Report for the members to recommend approval of to the Board of Supervisors.

Conner/McBreen – Motion to Approve (MCU)

b. Annual Eligibility Determinations

Harter reviewed the eligibility determinations, noting that McCallsburg had not met all the requirements. Members discussed the eligibility status;

Gast/Conner – Motion to Table to October Meeting (Motion Passed; Meredith, Jackson Nay)

Piklapp will work with McCallsburg to address the issue. Harter directed to return with historical information at the October meeting.

c. Annual Allocation Amounts Determinations

The subcommittee will meet to discuss various options for the formulas which will be brought to the October meeting.

d. FY 2023 Project Fund Requests

Potential funding for FY 2023 Project Fund requests was discussed.

Jackson/Gast – Motion to set the cap for FY 2023 Project Fund requests at \$16,500. (MCU)

7. Community and County updates

Participants presented updates from the communities that were in attendance.

8. Comments Regarding Non-Agenda items

It was noted that the Story County Housing Trust was identifying vacant lots in communities for placement of a Homes for Iowa dwelling.

Harter noted the following: communities have been sent requests to send Story County pictures of communities the County would then use in an upcoming publication and she informed the group that the URA program will remain paused for now.

9. Dates to Remember

a. Annual Report to BOS on August 9, 2022

b. Annual Allocation Amounts to BOS on August 9, 2022 – on hold pending October meeting.

c. Applications for County Funding Program Projects – Due on or before September 30th

10. Next Meeting – October 27, 2022 at 10:00 am with Story City volunteering to host.

11. Adjournment

Jackson/McBreen – Motion to Approve (MCU)