



## Story County Economic Development Group Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2023

Ames Chamber of Commerce  
Ames, Iowa

**ATTENDEES:** Brenda Dryer (Nevada EDC), Amy Howard (Ames Chamber/EDC), Mark Jackson (Story City), Jodi Meredith (Roland), Doug Miller (Maxwell), Barb McBreen (Cambridge), Karen Denger (Kelley), Jennifer Davies (Slater), Amy Kohlwes (Colo and McCallsburg), Karen Davis (Zearing), Brett Comegys (Collins), Katie Baldwin (Collins), Debbie Younkin (Story County PZC), Greg Piklapp (Ames Chamber/EDC), Linda Murken (Story County BOS), Lisa Heddens (Story County BOS), Leanne Harter (Story County staff)

1. **Welcome and Introductions – Chair Amy Kohlwes called the meeting to order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**  
Meredith/Howard - Motion to Approve (MCU)
3. **Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2022, February 15, 2023 – TABLED.**
4. **Old Business**
  - a. **Broadband Update**  
Linda Murken provided an update as to where the process is for the ITQ submission and review.
  - b. **Housing Study Update**  
Leanne Harter shared that she has again emailed out the ordinance review that RDG had done as part of the Housing Assessment.  
  
Brenda Dryer commented that she had a conversation with a developer wherein they commented the housing assessment served a powerful tool for them to take to lenders to help justify financing.  
  
Barb McBreen noted that the profile for Cambridge is older and asked whether it can be modified in the study. Harter replied that the staff committee working on housing will discuss this at their meeting.
  - c. **Budget Update**

Action on the budget by the Board of Supervisors was discussed.

d. **Subcommittee Updates**

Subcommittees have not met but were asked to meet before the July meeting, if possible.

5. **New Business**

a. **Annual Strategic Planning**

This item delayed to July.

b. **Changes to Bylaws/Project Guidelines**

The proposed changes were presented and group members discussed potential modifications. Those modifications were recommended for approval, along with the proposed changes.

**Motion to Recommend Approval to the Board of Supervisors with the changes as discussed during the meeting today.** Dryer/Davies - (MCU)

6. **Community and County updates**

Participants presented updates from the communities that were in attendance.

7. **Comments Regarding Non-Agenda items**

The question was raised whether participants would consider completing bus tours of communities. The idea was discussed and more information will be presented at future meetings.

8. **Dates to Remember**

- a. Forms and Reports – links will be sent out later this month.

9. Next Meeting – Thursday, July 20, 2023 in Nevada at Copper Spaces.

10. **Adjournment**

Baldwin/Davis - Motion to Approve (MCU)