



Story County Economic Development Group Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2023

Meeting originating from the Public Meeting Room – Story County Administration Building, 900 6th Street, Nevada, Iowa 50201

Access also available via Zoom

ATTENDEES: Brenda Dryer (Nevada EDC), Amy Howard (Ames Chamber/EDC), Shanon McKinley (Story City GCC), Jodi Meredith (Roland), Steve Gast (Maxwell), Doug Miller (Maxwell), Barb McBreen (Cambridge), Karen Denger (Kelley), Jennifer Davies (Slater), Jolene Lettow (Huxley), Amy Kohlwes (Colo and McCallsburg), Karen Davis (Zearing), Katie Baldwin (Collins), Caleb Knutson (MIPA), Greg Piklapp (Ames Chamber/EDC), Linda Murken (Story County BOS), Lisa Heddens (Story County BOS), Sandra King (Story County staff), Amelia Schoeneman (Story County staff), Leanne Harter (Story County staff)

1. Welcome and Introductions – Chair Amy Kohlwes called the meeting to order

2. Approval of Agenda

Dryer/Piklapp - Motion to Approve (MCU)

3. Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2022 – TABLED.

4. Old Business

a. Broadband Update

Leanne Harter provided an overview of upcoming broadband partnership opportunities. Linda Murken reviewed the funding Story County has committed thus far. Caleb Knutson reviewed the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) notice of invitation to qualify #001 (ITQ) for broadband intervention zones.

b. Housing Study Update

Harter provided an update on the request for proposals (RFP) for the implementation of the Housing Action Plan, noting that the Des Moines Area MPO withdrew their proposal. As such, Story County will re-release the RFP and continue along with those steps with revised proposals due February 28th.

c. Budget Update

The amount the Board of Supervisors has included in the draft budget, increasing the funding to \$150,000. Harter noted that if the budget is approved, she will be bringing

forward amendments to the bylaws and program guidelines to reflect the changes in the allocation formulas.

d. **Subcommittee Updates**

Subcommittees have not met but will find time to meet prior to next meeting.

5. **New Business**

a. **Annual Strategic Planning**

This item delayed to July.

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

Harter noted this had been previously discussed.

c. **County Communication Strategies**

Harter informed the group that a request was submitted for a communication position for FY24.

6. **Community and County updates**

Participants presented updates from the communities that were in attendance.

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

It was noted that Jodi Meredith will be retiring from the City of Roland.

8. **Dates to Remember**

- a. Forms and Reports – upcoming at the next month

9. Next Meeting – Thursday, April 27, 2023 in Ames.

10. **Adjournment**

Lettow/Meredith - Motion to Approve (MCU)