



Story County Economic Development Group Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2022

Community Center
503 Elm
Story City, Iowa

ATTENDEES: Brenda Dryer (Nevada EDC), Jordan Cook (Nevada), Amy Howard (Ames Chamber/EDC), Mellisa Mattingly (McCallsburg), Social Arellano Sundberg (Gilbert), Shanon McKinley (Story City GCC), Jodi Meredith (Roland), Steve Gast (Maxwell), Doug Miller (Maxwell), Barb McBreen (Cambridge), Debbie Younkin (Story County Planning and Zoning Commission), Karen Denger (Kelley), Jennifer Davies (Slater), Amy Kohlwes (Colo), Mark Jackson (Story City), Katie Baldwin (Collins), Greg Piklapp (Ames Chamber/EDC), 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

Davies/Howard - Motion to Approve (MCU)

3. Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2022

Dryer/Davis - Motion to Approve (MCU)

4. Old Business

a. Annual Eligibility Determinations

Greg Piklapp provided a memo outlining the eligibility status of the City of McCallsburg, recommending that the community is eligible based on his discussion with them.

Meredith/McBreen – Motion to Determine McCallsburg as an Eligible Community for FY23 Funding (MCU)

5. New Business

a. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Discussion

This discussion was moved to under item b.

b. Annual Allocation Amounts Determinations

Members were provided a memo from the subcommittee outlining three options for consideration prior to the meeting. Members discussed the options at length. Leanne Harter handed out a summary of County funding programs that showed amounts for programs by communities. She also noted this did not include amount for the cities for the contract between AEDC and Story County for economic development planning.

Motion to recommend that the Board of Supervisors implement Option 3 effective in Fiscal Year 2024, as modified by the members of the SCEDG at the October 27, 2022 meeting, so that to offset the \$40,000 in additional funding to the SCEDG, the Board of Supervisors cease the Technical Assistance to Communities program, applying that \$30,000 budget annually towards the SCEDG funding.

Members discussed the motion noting the goal should be the equitable distribution of the funding. While Option 3 outlined also suggested ending the Façade Improvement Grant Program, the SCEDG members did not agree with this and did not recommend such to the Board of Supervisors.

Sundberg/Dryer - Motion to Approve (MCU)

- c. **Approve Calendar Year 2023 Meetings**
Gast/McBreen - Motion to Approve (MCU)

6. **Other Items**

- a. **Community and County updates**

Participants presented updates from the communities that were in attendance.

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

Piklapp provided an overview of the community visits they will be scheduling in four communities next year.

- c. **Housing Action Plan – Quarterly Update**

Harter provided an update, noting the Board had approved the Housing Action Plan and directed staff to develop a Request for Proposals. She noted that in response to the RFP, one proposal was received, and that will be considered by the Board of Supervisors in November.

7. **Dates to Remember**

- a. Next Meeting – January 26, 2023 (In Person/Hybrid - Administration Building, Nevada)

8. **Adjournment**

Davies/Jackson - Motion to Approve (MCU)