



Story County Economic Development Group Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2023

Copper Spaces in Nevada, Iowa

ATTENDEES: Brenda Dryer (Nevada EDC), Dan Culhane (Ames Chamber/EDC), Jodi Meredith (Roland), Doug Miller (Maxwell), Amy Kohlwes (Colo and McCallsburg), Karen Davis (Zearing), Macy Wing (Gilbert), Katie Baldwin (Collins), David Haugland (Huxley), Shanon McKinley (Story City), Debbie Younkin (Story County PZC), Greg Piklapp (Ames Chamber/EDC), Linda Murken (Story County BOS), Lisa Heddens (Story County BOS), Bryce Garman (Story County Staff), Leanne Harter (Story County staff)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Amy Kohlwes called the meeting to order and Brenda Dryer provided an introduction and overview of Copper Spaces.

2. Approval of Agenda

Meredith/Davis - Motion to Approve (MCU)

3. Election of Officers

a. Chair

Culhane/Haugland - Motion to Approve Amy Kohlwes as Chair (MCU)

b. Vice-Chair

Younkin/Haugland – Motion to Approve Karen Davis as Vice Chair (MCU)

4. Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2022, February 15, 2023, and April 27, 2023

Meredith/Davis - Motion to Approve (MCU)

5. Old Business

a. **Economic Development Summit Follow-up**

Greg Piklapp reviewed the broadband discussions that occurred in Huxley.

b. **Broadband Update**

Piklapp provided an overview of the two ITQ projects and applications that may be forthcoming.

c. **Housing Study Update**

Leanne Harter reviewed projects and tasks currently underway by MIPA and County staff associated with implementation of the Housing Action Plan.

6. New Business

a. Annual Report and Review

Harter presented the draft for consideration. Modifications were noted to be made for Gilbert and Maxwell.

Dryer/Davis – Motion to Approve and Recommend to the Board of Supervisors as Modified (MCU)

b. Annual Eligibility Determinations

Harter noted that all communities are eligible

c. Annual Allocation Amounts Determinations

Meredith/McKinley – Motion to Approve and Recommend Funding Amounts as Presented by Staff to the Board of Supervisors (Motion Passed)

AYES: Culhane, Meredith, Miller, Kohlwes, Davis, Wing, Baldwin, Haugland, McKinley

NAYS: Dryer

d. Strategic Planning

Harter shared that the Board of Supervisors is currently going through a strategic planning process. The SCEDG decided to wait until the County's process has been finalized to work on this.

e. Subcommittees

Subcommittees have not met, and membership of the various groups is not certain at this time. This will be revisited in October.

f. Bus Tours

The idea of bus tours was discussed and noted that the topic would be revisited at another time. Rather than bus tours, it was suggested that the local host for the meeting could incorporate a tour of the community as part of the meeting. This will be built into the January calendars.

7. Community and County updates

Participants presented updates from the communities that were in attendance.

8. Comments Regarding Non-Agenda items

None

9. Dates to Remember

- a. Annual reports and allocation amounts will be going to the Board of Supervisors on August 8th.

10. Next Meeting – Thursday, October 26, 2023 in Gilbert.

11. Adjournment

McKinley/Davis - Motion to Approve (MCU)