



**STORY COUNTY**  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP

**Story County Economic Development Group Meeting Minutes**

**November 2, 2023**

**Gilbert City Hall in Gilbert, Iowa**

**ATTENDEES:** Brenda Dryer (Nevada EDC), Amy Howard (Ames Chamber/EDC), Jodi Meredith (Roland), Doug Miller (Maxwell), Amy Kohlwes (Colo and McCallsburg), Sonia Arellano Sundberg (Gilbert), Katie Baldwin (Collins), Mark Jackson (Story City), Debbie Younkin (Story County PZC), Jennifer Davies (Slater), Karen Denger (Kelley), Barb McBreen (Cambridge), Greg Piklapp (Ames Chamber/EDC), Mike Cox (Story County Conservation), Linda Murken (Story County BOS), Lisa Heddens (Story County BOS), Latifah Faisal (Story County BOS), Sandra King (Story County Staff) Bryce Garman (Story County Staff), Leanne Harter (Story County Staff)

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Amy Kohlwes called the meeting to order and Sonia Arellano Sundberg provided a welcome to Gilbert City Hall.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Meredith/Davies - Motion to Approve (MCU)

**3. Approval of Minutes from July 20, 2023**

Dryer/McBreen - Motion to Approve (MCU)

**4. Old Business**

**a. Subcommittee Reports - Code Enforcement**

Amy Kohlwes provided an update on the code enforcement discussion.

**b. Broadband Update**

Linda Murken provided an update on applications submitted and awarded through the OCIO. She referenced two new programs coming soon.

**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.

A housing resource guide is in the works that includes a dashboard of housing resources.

**5. New Business**

**a. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Discussions**

Heddens explained budget requests will include current amounts.

Faisal shared an overview of Story County's Fiscal Years 2024-2029 Strategic Plan. She shared a copy with everyone around the table.

**b. Approve Calendar Year 2024 Meetings**

Howard/Miller – Motion to Approve (MCU)

**c. Story County Staff Changes**

Harter gave update on her position. She shared she will be moving to Planning and Development as Director as of 11/19/2023.

**6. Community and County updates**

Participants presented updates from the communities that were in attendance.

Mike Cox provided an update on countywide trails plan. This is starting to be updated in the next couple months. The goal is to have all communities connected via trail.

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

None

**8. Dates to Remember**

- a. Next Meeting – January 25, 2024 (In Person/Hybrid – Administration Building, Nevada)

**9. Adjournment**

McBreen/Meredith - Motion to Approve (MCU)