



Story County Economic Development Group Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2024

Public House in Slater, Iowa

ATTENDEES: Amy Kohlwes (Colo and McCallsburg), Karen Davis (Zearing), Debbie Younkin (Story County Planning and Zoning Commission), Suzette Bartleson (Huxley), Barb McBreen (Cambridge), Jennifer Davies (Slater and Kelley), Steven Gast (Maxwell), Taylor Christensen (Slater), Katie Baldwin (Collins), Dylan Kline (Ames), Kurtis Bower (Roland), Amy Howard (Ames), Shanon McKinley (Story City), Sonia Arellano Sundberg (Gilbert), Mellisa Mattingly (Roland), Greg Piklapp (Ames Chamber), 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

Sundberg/Kohlwes - Motion to Approve (MCU)

3. Approval of Minutes from July 20, 2023

Mattingly/Davis - Motion to Approve (MCU)

4. Old Business

a. Broadband Update

Linda Murken provided an update on applications submitted and awarded through the OCIO. She talked about BEAD money.

b. 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.

c. Budget Update

Leanne Harter provided update.

d. Subcommittee Reports

Leanne Harter provided an update on staffing of a code enforcement officer. "Safe buildings" has nuisance abatement.

5. New Business

- a. HIRTA Survey – please send it out again (Lisa Heddens requested)

6. Community and County updates

Participants presented updates from the communities that were in attendance.

7. Comments Regarding Non-Agenda items

None

8. Dates to Remember

- a. Forms and Reports due May 31, 2024 (link to form will be emailed out after today's meeting)
- b. Next Meeting – July 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM in Roland at the new city hall

9. Adjournment

Kohlwes/Davis - Motion to Approve (MCU)