



Story County Economic Development Group Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2024

Roland City Hall – Roland, Iowa

ATTENDEES: Amy Kohlwes (Colo and McCallsburg), Debbie Younkin (Story County Planning and Zoning Commission), David Haugland (Huxley), Jennifer Davies (Slater and Kelley), Steven Gast (Maxwell), Doug Miller (Maxwell), Katie Baldwin (Collins), Dylan Kline (Ames), Mellissa Mattingly (Roland), Shanon McKinley (Story City), Sonia Arellano Sundberg (Gilbert), Brenda Dryer (Nevada), Martin Herr (Zearing), Leanne Harter (Story County Planning and Development), Mike Cox (Story County Conservation), Linda Murken (Story County Board of Supervisors), Lisa Heddens (Story County Board of Supervisors), Latifah Faisal (Story County Board of Supervisors), Crystal Davis (Story County Staff), Bryce Garman (Story County Staff)

ZOOM ATTENDEES: Greg Piklapp (Ames Alliance)

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
Chair Amy Kohlwes called the meeting to order.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Sundberg/Haugland - Motion to Approve (MCU)
3. **Election of Officers**
 - a. Chair
Sundberg/Herr - Motion to Approve *Shanon McKinley* as Chair (MCU)
 - b. Vice-Chair
Dryer/Kohlwes – Motion to Approve *Katie Baldwin* as Vice Chair (MCU)
4. **Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2024**
Davies/Haugland - Motion to Approve (MCU)
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Broadband Update**
Linda Murken provided an update on broadband initiatives happening with the County and local partners. Murken shared a hotspot loaning program idea that would allow hotspots to be checked out at local libraries.
 - b. **Housing Study Update**

- c. Next Meeting – Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM
 - i. Location: McFarland Park, Ames

10. Adjournment

Kline/Herr - Motion to Approve (MCU)