



## Story County Economic Development Group Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2018

### Cambridge Community Building (Cambridge)

ATTENDEES: Jennifer Davis, Scott DeYoung, Greg Schlueter, Amy Kohlwes, Dan Culhane, Brenda Dryer, John Hall, Drew Kamp, Leanne Harter, Mike Cox, Steven Gast, Doug Miller, Sonia Arellano Dodd, Karen Davies, John Haldeman, Jay Wilson, Karen Denger, and Marty Chitty.

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

#### 2. Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2017

Scott DeYoung motioned, Greg Schlueter second. Passed unanimously.

#### 3. Community and County Updates

##### *Zearing*

\$100K IEDA catalyst grant received! Local fundraising proceeding in support of community based clinic and wellness center.

##### *Colo*

Last two lots in industrial park have sold. New housing development stagnant.

##### *Huxley*

\$260K grant for trail. Two new residential housing developments underway.

##### *Gilbert*

Waste water treatment facility bond out for bid. Only 1 bidder; over project estimate. Feedback is that contractors are busy. Planning underway for new housing development south of school; 76 acres. Only 2 fully developed lots available in town.

##### *Kelley*

2 new businesses in town.

*Maxwell*

Working with a housing developer. Launched a welcome basket program. Modified urban revitalization plan 5 year / 100% abatement. Roof replaced in park shelter.

*Cambridge*

Sewer project under DNR evaluation. Extreme Concrete building in Cambridge Industrial Park.

*Ames*

Barilla expansion continues; working on eleven other projects. Draintech building under construction in east Ames. QC Supply opened. Expect McFarland to open south facility in July. County working on road expansion south of ISU Research Park.

*Story County Conservation*

Working on trail improvements between Huxley and Slater. Working on recreation plan. CyBiz students conducting economic impact studies on Hickory Grove, Tedesco, and Dakins.

*Brenda Dryer (AEDC)*

Shared most recent unemployment numbers. Recapped Story County Housing Trust Fund awards. Shared new workforce tag line.

*Story County*

New website up and operational; feedback to go to Leanne. \$16M ending fund balance. Over concerns in backfill no TIF program this year. Pursuing partnership with Colo on sewer service for Hickory Grove.

**4. Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items**

Jennifer asked how others are dealing with first responder/EMT volunteers and training needs, raising the question as to how others pay for the training and what kind of commitment is required. Discussion occurred among the group, with Maxwell noting the city pays for the training with the responder signing an agreement stating they will remain for one year; and Colo noted that they are doing some cross-training in house.

**5. Dates to Remember: Reminder that all form deadlines are upcoming.**

**6. Next Meeting**

Thursday, July 19, 2018 at the Administration Building (Nevada) beginning at 10:00 am.

**7. Adjournment**