



Story County Economic Development Group Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2018

Fairview Lodge – Story City, Iowa

ATTENDEES:

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2017

Tabled (DeYoung/Kamp)

3. Community and County Updates

Story City

Half-way through Phase 1 of the North Park project; school bond vote on 2/6; the URA project downtown is underway.

Story County (Marty Chitty)

Annual Report is being distributed; budget worksessions are all completed – the Board will be adopting a budget that is balanced for the 6th year in a row.

Story County (Conservation – Mike Cox)

Phase 1 of Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor is being completed; Heart of Iowa Nature Trail paving project; reviewed Hickory Grove Lake project time frame; discussed cabins at Dakins Lake. Drew Kamp questioned whether SCCB was officially responding to the water quality bill – Cox replied there was no format response, adding that the bill's funding addresses overall 6% of the need as identified in the nutrient reduction strategy.

Story County (Lauris Olson)

10% increase in funding for the SCEDG group and slight increases for the historical societies and libraries; no projects will be funded this year through the URA program; conversations will be occurring regarding housing and transportation.

Gilbert

Ames High students helping with marketing materials, including a brochure and video; overview of lagoon improvements and SRF sponsored project, looking at a stormwater project through town.

Roland

Finished lift station and looking at the lagoon; discussions on new pool; moved city hall; doing one SRF sponsored project.

Ames

Expansion at ISU Research Park well underway and excited by TELC – McFarland Clinic will be done this year; Healthy Lifestyle Center discussions are taking place; school referendums reviewed; and overview of east Ames annexation now known as Prairie View.

Maxwell

Working with a developer so working hard on planning for CIP/Comprehensive Plan/Urban Revitalization Plan.

Cambridge

Sewer project costs discussed; services have moved into the Community Building (except library).

Huxley

Received CIRPTA grant for HOINT paving; Prairie Meadows grant for courts; three new housing developments and two new businesses.

Collins

New wellness center almost completed and business from Altoona coming.

Brenda Dryer (AEDC)

Workforce initiatives are county-side and workinames.com is site to go to for openings county-wide; internship program for summer open to any Story County employer; career fairs; Home Base Iowa initiatives underway; Story County Housing Trust fund – NOFA meeting on Tuesday at Nevada City Hall at 5:30 pm.

Zearing

Applying for community catalysis grant for building on Main Street. Dealing with medical clinic issue. Restarted the Zearing Betterment committee started back up.

Colo

With the new development, City may be paying for one-half of preliminary plat costs; new faces on council, along with new historical society and new school superintendent.

Slater

SRF sponsored permeable pavers in park; wastewater treatment facility is ready to go to bid at \$6.6 million; citywide street projects planned for 2018; 18-acre parkland is graded and seeded; URA projects done; in current phase 1 of housing development with 22 lots.

4. Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

Drew noted individuals should stay aware of the backfill discussions with the appropriations bill.

Economic Development Summit committee appointed to include Greg, Sonia, Drew/John, Brenda and Leanne.

5. Dates to Remember: April 26, 2018.

6. Next Meeting

Thursday, April 26, 2018, in Cambridge at the Community Building.

7. Adjournment