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Story County Economic Development Group Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2018

Collins Community Center

ATTENDEES: Drew Kamp, Steve Gast, Andy Webb, Dustin Ingram, Karen Denger, Jennifer Davies, John Haldeman, Jennifer Heithoff, Amy Kohlwes, Karen Davis, Karen Hermanson, Greg Schlueter, Teri Gallahan, Marty Chitty, David Thom, Scott DeYoung, Deb Schildroth, John Hall, Craig Meyers, Mark Jackson, Lauris Olson, Leanne Harter

1. Welcome and Introductions

Drew Kamp called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes from August 16, 2018

John Haldeman motioned, Greg Schlueter seconded. Passed unanimously.

3. Presentation on Wastewater Alternative – Gross-Wen Technologies

4. Review and Approval of FY 2019 Pool Funds

Scott DeYoung motioned, Andy Webb seconded. Passed unanimously.

5. Review and Approval of FY2019 Project Funds Requests

Members discussed the new eligibility requirements set forth in the by-laws. The issue of accountability for the funds was raised and clarification sought regarding whether the funds is released automatically or on a reimbursement basis. Steve Gas motioned, Amy Kohwles seconded, that the funds are released on a reimbursement basis. Motion failed.

John Hall motioned, John Haldeman seconded to forward revised rules to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Gast questioned whether funds may be carried-over and whether such action could be approved by the Chair. Discussion by membership regarding grant vs. reimbursement nature of the project funds continued.

John Haldeman motioned, Steve Gast seconded to amendment to program rules, specifically in regards to project funds, as was discussed and intended at the October 27, 2017, meeting of the Story County Economic Development Group.

Project Fund amounts were discussed and approved as follows:

Community	Project Funds
Cambridge	\$ 2,500.00
Collins	\$ 2,500.00
Colo	\$ 800.00
Huxley	\$ 2,500.00
Maxwell	\$ 2,200.00
Roland	\$ 2,000.00
Story City	\$ 2,500.00
Zearing	\$ 1,500.00
Totals	\$ 16,500.00

Scott DeYoung motioned, Andy Webb seconded. Passed unanimously.

6. Discussion Regarding Housing Needs Assessment

Leanne Harter addressed the housing needs assessment conducted by the State of Iowa and whether it provided adequate information and findings.

7. Community and County Updates

Kelley

- No update

Roland

- American Legion is under new ownership by an individual that owns a café in Ames
- Moving forward with the wastewater treatment program
- Pool replacement discussions occurring
- City facing \$750,000 bridge replacement

Maxwell

- No update

Nevada

- Business expansions recently announcement with nearly 210 jobs
- Survey work on downtown redevelopment project underway – looking towards 2020 for project completion

Story County Conservation Board (Craig Myers)

- Trail improvements going out to bid in December (Praeri Rail Trail) and March (Heart of Iowa Nature Trail)

Story County (Marty Chitty)

- Board of Supervisors approved new lease agreement for motor graders

Gilbert

- Lagoon and water projects out to bid
- Setting up an Urban Renewal Area for a four-acre commercial district
- 80 acres annexation completed
- Schools (middle school and high school) are both doing expansion projects

Collins

- Landus open house
- Senior housing transferred to private ownership
- New house construction underway (first since 1993)
- Running four projects through the Story County Housing Trust Fund's Rehab Process

Story City

- Eby expansion
- Outlet mall development underway
- 28 new residential lot subdivision in northern portion

Zearing

- Improvements to the historic bank building continue
- Medical clinic is reopening
- Posters are being sold as a fundraiser for the community

Colo

- Still in discussions for housing development of around 30 houses
- Sump pump project underway

McCallsburg

- Water project on Main Street underway
- Two new houses in town

Huxley

- Awarded grant for bike trail

- Housing subdivision to Planning and Zoning Commission of 170 lots and design concept to Council
- Council working on CIP
- 38 bi-attached units underway

Cambridge

- Legion turned building over to the city – anticipate space for two commercial spaces and the upper-story residential uses
- Sewer upgrade projects expected to be around \$650,000

Slater

- Still in the middle of road projects
- Commercial project on Main Street changed hands

8. Comments Regarding Non-Agenda Items

None.

9. Dates to Remember:

None.

10. Next Meeting –

Thursday – January 24, 2019 in Slater at 10 am

11. Adjournment

John Hall motioned, Jennifer Davies seconded.