City of Valentine Economic Development Meeting Minutes Monday, January 29, 2024 6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Valentine Economic Development Board was held on Monday, January 29, 2024 6:00 p.m. at the Valentine Public Library. Notice of the Open Meetings Act was provided as required by law.

Board President Nadeane Allard opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the following board members present, Deanne Holmes, Tyler Brown. Sean Markus and Whitney Mayhew.

Motion was made by Deanne Holmes to approve the December 18, 2023 meeting minutes, the motion was seconded by Sean Markus. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made Deanne Holmes to approve the January 24, 2024 special meeting minutes, the motion was seconded by Tyler Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

Current Economic Development Fund balance was provided. - \$1,238,847.29

Presentation by Valentine High School business students regarding plans to host the "It's Your Life" conference on May 6, 2024 and the board's willingness to support the conference.

Discussion was held regarding the bids received from B Squared Fine Homes LLC. A review of the additional documents requested from B Squared took place.

Update was provided on the Creative District official certification and Director Hagge's plans to attend the Arts Advocacy Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska on February 20, 2024

Update provided regarding plans to apply for the CCCFF grant during the 2024 cycle for the Valentine Community Center project.

Update provided regarding the theater exploratory group's work.

Update provided regarding work on the Wayfinding signage project.

SWAN update was provided regarding signed contacts from artists.

Update provided regarding Economic Development's work with Heartland Energy.

Update was provided on loans through the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund.

Board member Holmes made a motion to accept the bid for the building of two houses on North Edna Street, Board member Brown seconded the motion. Board members Holmes, Mayhew and Brown voted yes to approve the motion. Board members Allard and Markus abstained. Motion carried.

Next meeting date Monday, February 26, 2024. Board meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Submitted by: Mark J. Hagge Acting Secretary