City of Valentine

Regular Economic Development Meeting

City Library Meeting Room

Monday, July 24, 2023 6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Valentine Economic Development Board was held on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the city library meeting room. Notice of the Open Meetings Act was provided as required by law.

Board Vice President Deanne Holmes opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the following board members present Whitney Mayhew, Tyler Brown and Sean Markus. Nadeane Allard was absent, also in attendance were Director Mark Hagge and outgoing director Mike Burge.

Board member Markus made a motion to approve the June 26, 2023 meeting minutes, Board member Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Board member Brown made a motion to accept Mike Burge’s resignation effective Monday, July 31st, Board member Mayhew seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion held on the Sculpture Walk Across Nebraska program. Board member Markus made a motion to pay the SWAN invoice for $150.00 for yearly dues. Board member Mayhew seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously

Discussion was held on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Grant Program. Motion was made by Board member Markus recommending the Valentine City Council purchase the North Edna lot and the Ray Street lot for the purpose of securing bids to build residential housing on purchased lots. Board member Mayhew seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on current interest in the Valentine Façade program. We are expecting an application or two for the August board meeting.

Discussion was held on the Greenough building on Main Street.

Discussion was held on the Nebraska Department of Labor survey that will be sent out to area employees and employers. Board members were asked to provide feedback on which questions they would like to see utilized in a business visitation program.

Discussion was held about the Leadership Program opportunity and timeline.

Discussion was held on the progress being made on the Creative District application and timeline. Motion to approve creative district consulting fees to Dahn Hagge not to exceed $1500.00 was made by Board member Mayhew, Board member Markus seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by:

Mark J. Hagge Acting Secretary