City of Valentine

Regular Economic Development Meeting

City Library Meeting Room

Monday, June 26, 2023 6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Valentine Economic Development Board was held on Monday, June 26, 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 President Nadeane Allard opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. with the following board members present Deanne Holmes and Whitney Mayhew. Absent: Tyler Brown and Sean Markus. Also in attendance were Director Mike Burge and Carolyn Peterson.

Board member Holmes made a motion to approve the April 24, 2023 meeting minutes, Board member Mayhew seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion held regarding the identified lots for the 2022 Rural Workforce Housing Fund program through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Carolyn Peterson indicated that she was ready to sell and would communicate her specific intentions to the Board by Friday, June 30, 2023.

Director Mike Burge indicated that he would submit his resignation effective end of the day Monday, July 31, 2023. Mike stated he would be available and willing to help make the transition to a new director (Mark Hagge) as seamless as possible.

Director Burge also reported on the main street grand opening and celebration.

Incoming Director Hagge reported on the Nebraska Department of Labor, Labor Availability Study. Economic Development is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and the Nebraska Department of labor to conduct a survey that will identify workforce needs of employees and employers in our area.

Discussion was held about the Greenough building on Main Street. It was agreed that Director Burge and Incoming Director Hagge should reach out to the Greenough’s and set a date and time to conduct an inspection of the building.

Communications included a thank you note from Jill Austin and the Valentine Children and Families Coalition for the Economic Development Board’s support. It was mentioned the Ainsworth, Nebraska Union Bank and Trust has monies set aside for childcare programs.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.