City of Valentine

Regular Economic Development Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Valentine Economic Development Board was held on Monday, August 28, 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 6:00 p.m. with the following board members present Whitney Mayhew, Deanne Holmes, Sean Markus. Tyler Brown was absent.

Board member Mayhew made a motion to approve the August 28, 2023 meeting minutes, Board member Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial report was provided, current economic development fund balance is $1,246,885.47

Update was provided regarding the status the affordable Housing Trust Fund Grant and our hopes to have the okay from the state of Nebraska Department of Economic Development to begin taking bids.

Update was provided on the Leadership program, we have 10 community members engaged in the class, the class will host Dr. Denise Trudeau Poskas on Friday, October 13th in Valentine for a bonus session.

Discussion was held on progress made on the Creative District application and timeline, we are on track to submit the “workbook” on Tuesday, October 10th and have a site visit towards the end of October.

Discussion took place on applying for a Heartland Energy Grant, it was agreed that Director Hagge would have a proposal for the Board at the regular October meeting.

Update was provided regarding the Citizens Advisory Committee which is mandated by the City of Valentine Economic Development program.

Update was provided regarding the University of Nebraska Lincoln business coach that services our area.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Mark J. Hagge Acting Secretary