

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Valley County Economic Development Board  
Wednesday, July 28, 2010**

1. A meeting of the Valley County Economic Development Board was held at the Economic Development Office, 1514 K Street, Ord, Nebraska on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 pursuant to the notice that was properly posted at City Hall, Valley County Courthouse and the Valley County Economic Development Office. President, Larry Schultz called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Board members present: Russ Blaha, Helen Cullers, Bob Stowell, Larry Schultz, Jane Maschka, Jade Stunkel. Board members absent: Pat Waldmann, Catina Psota. Blaha left meeting at 12:30 p.m. Also present: Caleb Pollard, Lu Lansman, Janie Zadina, Kristina Volf.
2. Schultz referred to the location of the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall in the conference room.
3. Verify notice of Meeting and Adoption of Agenda: Notice of meeting was posted at the Valley County Court House, Ord City Hall and the Economic Development Office. Moved by Stowell, second by Cullers to approve the agenda. Roll call vote. Voting yes: Cullers, Stowell, Schultz, Maschka, Stunkel, Blaha. Voting no: none. Absent: Waldmann, Psota.
4. Approve minutes from June 23, 2010 meeting. Moved by Maschka, second by Stunkel to approve the June 23, 2010 minutes. Roll call vote. Voting yes: Stowell, Schultz, Maschka, Stunkel, Blaha, Cullers. Voting no: none. Absent: Waldmann, Psota.
5. Approval of Financial Report, Bills and Petty Cash. Moved by Blaha, second by Cullers to approve the financial report, bills and petty cash. Roll call vote. Voting yes: Schultz, Maschka, Stunkel, Blaha, Cullers, Stowell. Voting no: none. Absent: Waldmann, Psota.
6. Public Comment:
7. New Business:
  - a. Approve Blaha Appointment- Moved by Stowell, second by Maschka to approve the reappointment of Blaha for a three year term to the Valley County Economic Development Board. Roll call vote. Voting yes: Schultz, Maschka, Stunkel, Cullers, Stowell. Voting no: none. Abstaining: Blaha. Absent: Waldmann, Psota.
  - b. Valley County Economic Development Account Signatures- Motion by Stowell, second by Stunkel that Economic Development Board Members sign bank signatures cards. Check transactions will require two signatures to execute; all Valley County Banks are designated depositories. Roll call vote. Voting yes: Maschka, Stunkel, Blaha, Cullers, Stowell, Schultz. Voting no: none. Absent: Waldmann, Psota.
  - c. Internship Extension –Moved by Stowell, second by Maschka to extend the internship of Kristina Volf for 4-8 hours per week through December 2010. Roll call vote. Voting yes: Stunkel, Blaha, Cullers, Stowell, Schultz, Maschka. Voting no: none. Absent: Waldmann, Psota.
  - d. Radio Marketing Proposal- Discussion. Pollard will research statistics and report to the board. Item tabled until next meeting.
  - e. Steve Vech Reappointment to Sales Tax Loan Committee- After discussion agenda item tabled pending review of policies and procedures.
  - f. Derry Trample Reappointment to Citizen’s Advisory Committee- After discussion agenda item tabled pending review of policies and procedures.
  - g. LB840 2010-2011 Program Budget- Pollard reports that in the past LB840 budget has been due in August. City of Ord is requesting budget by end of July. Pollard has budget prepared and will submit to city accountant.
  - h. JOBS Grant Photo- No photo taken due to absence of some board members.
  - i. Adrian Smith Visit- Congressman Adrian Smith will be at the Economic Development Office on August 3,2010 to have a dialogue about Economic Development. He has asked that members of the community who have been involved in Economic Development be present.
8. Old Business.
  - a. Request to City for LB840 Program Admin Funding Increase- Motion by Stunkel, second by Cullers to request \$25,000 from the city of Ord for administration of LB840 funds. Roll call vote. Voting yes: Cullers, Stowell, Schultz, Maschka, Stunkel. Voting no: none. Absent: Psota, Waldmann, Blaha.
  - b. Valley County Boards Summit- Discussion concerning summit. ED board and staff will continue to plan for summit.

- c. Arcadia LB840 Campaign- Pollard will provide educational material as needed for Arcadia LB840 Campaign.
9. Reports.
- a. Executive Director Report: Report included in ED packet.  
New Neighborhoods project is moving forward with the establishment of the Rolling Hills Redevelopment Authority and Redevelopment Plan established by the Ord City Council on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Mesner Development has released an invitation to bid for Phase 1 of the New Neighborhoods project. Phase 1 will be 6 duplexes, or 12 low income housing units for area residents age 55 or over on a fixed income. Several local contractors have submitted bids. Groundbreaking is expected this fall (2010). Tax receipts in the 2009-2010 Ord City Fiscal year have been strong, posting net growth over last year receipts.  
A business succession planning seminar will be held at the ED office on July 29<sup>th</sup> at noon. Executive Leadership from Northeast Community College in Norfolk visited Ord July 13<sup>th</sup> to understand the tools our community has used to build a vibrant economic future.  
Valley County was one of a few rural Nebraska counties that saw an increase in the population of youth under 25.
  - b. Learning Center Coordinator: Lansman reported that a college Algebra class will begin on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Sandy Bartholomew will be the instructor. CCC-Ord will be giving the Compass Test in the near future. GED tutoring is now being provided at the Learning Center and CNA classes will begin in the fall.
10. Committee Reports.
- a. Building, Site & Recruitment –
  - b. Finance –Executive & Personnel –
11. Task Force Reports.
- a. Housing –
  - b. Leadership-
  - c. Charitable Assets –
  - d. Entrepreneurship –
12. Assignments/dates to remember-
13. Next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the Economic Development Office Conference Room.
14. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Dated this 28th day of July 2010.



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Jane Maschka, Secretary

