

South Central Economic Development District, Inc.
5:30 PM, Thursday, October 3, 2019
Tommy Gunz, 1607 South Locust, Suite B
Grand Island, Hall County, NE

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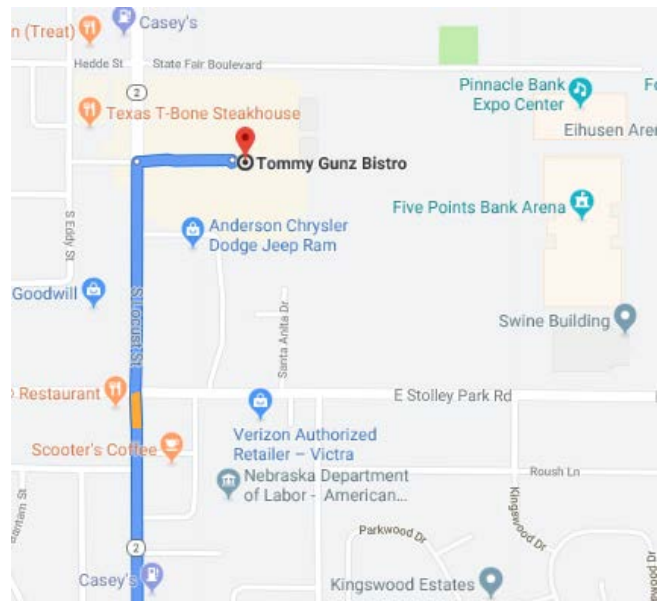
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3:00 PM Board Orientation

4:15 PM Strategic Planning

5:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting & Dinner:

- 1) Open Public Meeting Procedures
- 2) Call to Order/Roll Call
- 3) Introductions
- 4) Agenda Approval
- 5) Minutes of July 25, 2019 Meeting
- 6) Public Comment: *if commenting on an item not on the agenda, it will not be considered at this meeting*
- 7) Financial Report:
 - a. Approval of Claims
 - b. Financial Reports as of August 31, 2019
 - c. Investment Reports for RWHF & Catalyst Funds
- 8) Information Items:
 - a. Project Status Reports
 - b. Housing update:
 - i. Logan House, Holdrege
 - ii. McHargue's loan for spec house, Central City
 - iii. Beyond Blueprints loan for spec house, St. Paul
 - iv. Covenant LLC loan for Rehab, Holdrege
- 9) Discussion/Action Items:
 - a. EDA Disaster Funding
 - i. Revolving Loan Fund
 - ii. Disaster Recovery Coordinator
 - b. EDA Partnership Planning Grant
 - c. SCEDDs Hourly Rates
- 10) Ratify contract(s):
 - a. Contract with Village of Axtell Nuisance Abatement Contract
- 11) Next Meeting: 5:30PM Board Meeting/Meal, **Thursday, November 21, 2019**, Hamilton County, NE
- 12) Adjourn



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Meeting Minutes

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The Board Meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by President Barb Barnett. Bob Swanson arrived at 5:45.

Open Public Meeting Procedures: President Barb Barnett indicated the open meetings law was in effect and a copy of the law was available in the meeting room.

Roll Call

Adams	Dale Curtis	Buffalo	Absent
Clay	Barb Barnett	Franklin	Raquel Felzien
Hall	Mary Berlie	Hamilton	Bobby Parks
Harlan	Absent	Howard	Mike Feeken
Kearney	Bob Swanson	Merrick	Absent
Nuckolls	Absent	Phelps	Theresa Puls
Webster	Brenda Trumble	Private Business	Linda Glause
Stkhldr Org: CCC	Marni Danhauer	Stkhldr Org/Const:	Keith Dubas

Introductions: SCEDD Executive Director, Sharon Hueftle; SCEDD Deputy Director, Levi Adam; Gene Horne, Webster County Alternate Board Member; Joel Bergman, St. Paul Mayor; Jerry Thompson, St. Paul City Council; and Connie Jo Beck, St. Paul Clerk.

The **agenda** for this meeting and the **minutes** of the July 25, 2019 meeting were approved; Theresa Puls made the motion, second by Mike Feeken; unanimous approval.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Dale Curtis made the motion to approve the **Claims for July 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019**; Raquel Felzien seconded the motion; roll call vote provided unanimous approval.

Bobby Parks made the motion accept the **Financial Reports as of August 30, 2019** for filing; Marni Danhauer seconded the motion; roll call vote provided unanimous approval.

Dale Curtis made the motion to accept the **Investment Reports as of September 30, 2019** for filing; Theresa Puls seconded the motion; roll call vote provided unanimous approval.

Information Items:

- a. Levi Adam reviewed the **project status report** for July 1 to August 31, 2019. Adam highlighted the following: CDBG Emergent Threat pre-application for Wood River has been submitted, Sharon recently presented information on the HomeNE & HomeSCEDD Programs at the Regional EDA Conference held in Denver, and the Housing study for Central City is nearing completion.

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- i. Hueftle shared that a **letter from Nuckolls County Board** had been received notifying SCEDD that dues for 2020 had been approved at \$2500, which is half of the annual dues. Hueftle sent the notice to the communities in Nuckolls County.
- b. Adam provided the **housing update report**:
 - Logan House, Holdrege, is nearing completion. Trim-work should happen in the next week. No site prep has been completed.
 - McHargue's loan for spec house, Central City: The loan has been repaid with the interest due.
 - Beyond Blueprints loan for spec house, St. Paul: This project has received Phase 3 funding on 9/10/2019.
 - Covenant LLC loan for Rehab, Holdrege: Loan was approved by the loan committee and was disbursed on 8/26/2019.

Action/Discussion Items:

a. EDA Disaster Funding:

- i. Hueftle presented information regarding the opportunity to apply for an **EDA Disaster Grant for a Revolving Loan Fund**. Discussion was held regarding pros and cons, and questions addressed. Mike Feeken made a motion to NOT move forward with an application for the EDA Revolving Loan Fund. Marni Danhauer seconded the motion; roll call vote provided unanimous decision.
- ii. Hueftle presented information regarding the opportunity to apply for an **EDA Disaster Grant for a Disaster Recovery Coordinator**. The scope of work was discussed and questions were addressed. Motion to pursue funding to hire a Disaster Recovery/Resiliency Coordinator was made by Mike Feeken; Linda Glause seconded the motion; roll call vote provided unanimous decision.

b. **EDA Partnership Planning Grant:** Hueftle shared that SCEDD would be invited to submit a 3 year application, and would need to provide \$70,000 match for each of the three years. The Scope of Work was discussed, as it will closely mirror the 2020 strategies. Theresa Puls moved to approve authorizing Hueftle to apply for the 3 year grant; seconded by Bobby Parks; roll call vote provided unanimous decision.

c. **SCEDD's Hourly Rates:** Hueftle discussed SCEDD's current hourly rates for various services in member and non-member communities. Specifically, rates were addressed in order to ensure the feasibility of SCEDD continuing to offer the best service and value. Mary Berlie moved to increase SCEDD's hourly rates for grant administration to \$100/hour for members and \$150/hour for non-members; motion seconded by Theresa Puls; roll call vote provided unanimous decision.

Ratify Contracts: Mary Berlie motioned to **ratify the contract** listed below; Linda Glause seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

a. Contract with Village of Axtell Nuisance Abatement Contract

Next Meeting: 5:30 PM business meeting & dinner, Thursday, November 21, 2019, Hamilton County, NE.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:15 PM.