

Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission  
Board of Commission Meeting  
9:00AM, February 1, 2007  
Nebraska State Capitol – Room 1023, Lincoln, NE.

**Commissioner Attending:** Mary Ann Borgeson, David Potter- alternate, Marsha Babcock, Ron Melbye, Phil Mullin, Jim Grotrian, Ken Svoboda, Pete Kotsiopoulos, John Marlin Peterman – alternate, Tim Gilligan – alternate, Chuck Sigerson, Jeff Weak Kathy McKillip – NIZC Executive Director, Richard Baier NDED, Gary Hamer NDED

**Members Excused:** Brenda Gunn Ernie Abariotes, Jeff Quist, Inez Boyd.

**Visitors:** Patricia Owen, Paula Dicero, Bruce Piahboy(sp), Randy Lenhoff, Rachel Wells, Joslyn Van Cleare, Dave Sands, Carolyn Johnsen, Patty Wood, Lindsay Papenhausen, Christian Hornbaker, Joseph Young, Nick Fausman, Bob Twiss, Nanette Hessco, Brad Stauffer, Leslie Peterson, Jack Stannard, Christa Kinsley, John Hanes.

**Senators and Staff representation: (8:00-8:45AM) NIZC Presentation.**

Senator Preister, Senator Kruse, Senator Langemeier, Senator Carlson, Senator Gay, Senator Hudkins, Senator Wallman, Senator Fulton, Senator Harms, Senator Lathrop, Nick Faushman for Senator Schimeck, Senator Wightman, Senator Erdman, Senator Janssen, Nanette Hesse and Barb DeRessi for Senator Carlson, Kendra Papenhausen for Senator Heidemann

Chairman Ken Svoboda welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

Kathy McKillip, NIZC Executive Director, then took the Commission roll call at 9:01AM.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

Chairman Svoboda asked for approval of the agenda as distributed. *Motion made by Commissioner Melbye and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Borgeson to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion approved.*

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Svoboda asked for approval of the 1/04/07 NIZC minutes as distributed. *Motion made by Commissioner Petermann and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Borgeson to approve the minutes as distributed. Motioned approved.*

#### **Public Comment Period**

**Public Comment Period opened at 9:05 am.**

See no public comments at this time; Chairman Svoboda closed the public comment period.

**The Public Comment Period closed – 9:07 am.**

## **Executive Director Report**

A draft NIZC Annual Report is available for Commissioner review and approval. Pending all changes, the report should be completed by Feb. 16, 2007 as promised and per LB 546 requirements. Input from Commissioners is important so please contact McKillip to share thoughts and suggestions.

McKillip has been meeting with Patty Wood NEDED Marketing Director regarding update in the NIZC brochure into a 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, keeping it current. Also, if Commissioners would like to see any additions or changes with the website, it is currently up for review.

As always – I hope everyone is receiving the emails. If there are additional correspondences that I need to be aware of and add to the list please let me know. Hard copies in the mail have been eliminated to only those specifically requesting them. Remember, if you are a guest, please sign in and provide contact information so that the Commission can keep you updated and informed.

## **Agenda Item: NIZC Committee Reports**

No committee reports at this time. Committee's did not meet.

## **Economic Development & Marketing Committee: Chair Mullin & Chairman Ken Svoboda**

The next committee meeting date is undetermined at this time.

## **Tourism, Recreation and Environmental Committee: Chair Petermann**

The next meeting for this committee is undetermined at this time.

## **Planning & Infrastructure Committee: Chair Sigerson**

The next meeting for this committee is undetermined at this time

## **Transportation & Logistics: Commissioner Gilligan**

The next meeting for this committee is undetermined at this time

## **Agenda Item: NIZC Legislative Packages**

LB 392 – Commissioner Borgeson reported that Douglas County Board of Commissioners opposed this piece. The Commission had lengthy discussion regarding LB's 488, 94,564,697, 567. After discussion from all Commissioners, it was decided that even though several of these bills deal directly with the topic matter that NIZC Committee's have worked on, and in some cases support, that the Commissioners need to take these legislative pieces back to their boards and follow up with approval or discussion. Kathy McKillip will attend any hearings in the interim to gather additional

information for the Commission. Further discussion will be placed on the agenda for the March 1, 2007 meeting.

**Other Business**

*Motion by Commissioner Sigerson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Petermann to approve the Draft Annual Report with suggestions and changes made by fellow Commissioners. Motion approved.*

*Motion by Commissioner Melbye and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sigerson to support the Nebraska Department of Economic Development before the Appropriations Committee's hearing March 12 to support the re-funding of NIZC, staff and any other additional financial support. Motion approved*

At this time, seeing that there was no other Commission business. *Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Borgeson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Weak. Motion approved by consent.*

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy McKillip  
Executive Director - NIZC