

Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission
Board of Commission Meeting
7:00PM, May 3, 2007
E.T. Mahoney State Park
River View Lodge
28500 W. Park Hwy, Ashland, NE.

Commissioner Attending: Inez Boyd, Dean Busing, Rich Jensen, Dave Nielsen, Marlin Peterman, John Plucknett, Phil Mullin, Ken Svoboda, Jeff Weak, Bernie Heier, Ernie Abariotes, Brenda Gunn, David Potter – alternate, Tim Gilligan – alternate.
Kathy McKillip – NIZC Executive Director

Members Excused: Mary Anne Borgeson, Marsha Babcock, Kyle Hutchings, Peter Kotsiopulos, Chuck Sigerson, Ron Melbye.

Visitors: Jack Stannard, Paul Mullen, Jessica Preister, Matt Pillard, Steve Oltmans, Rand Lenhoff, Ted Seldin, Jim Ruhge, John Knapp, Bruce Sackett.

Chair Ken Svoboda welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Kathy McKillip, NIZC Executive Director, then took the Commission roll call at 7:07PM.

Approval of the Agenda

Chair Svoboda asked for approval of the agenda as distributed. *Motion made by Commissioner Jansen and 2nd by Commissioner Petermann to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion approved by consent.*

Approval of Minutes

Chair Svoboda asked for approval of the 4/05/07 NIZC minutes as distributed. *Motion made by Commissioner Boyd and 2nd by Commissioner Jensen to approve the minutes as distributed. Motioned approved by consent.*

Commissioner's Phase 1 Report & Discussion

Discussion occurred regarding the RFP draft Scope of Work, for the Phase 1 component of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Peterman suggested changes on items # 3 and #5 to allow for wording, #3, "County Wide Utility and Infrastructure inventory with special emphasis to the corridor boundaries..." # 5, "County Wide Study that examines land use with zoning components with special emphasis to the corridor boundaries."

Public Comment Period

Public Comment Period opened at 7:42pm – Beginning Discussion of Phase 1.

Seeing not comments at this time -7:44 pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Peterman, and 2nd by Commissioner Plucknett to accept the RFP Scope of Work with suggested wording changes. Voting in favor – Boyd, Busing, Jensen, Potter, Gilligan, Nielsen, Petermann, Plucknett, Mullin, Svoboda & Gunn. 1 no from Commissioner Weak, and 2 abstentions from Commissioner Heier, Commission Abariotes. Motion passed 10-1-2.

Executive Director Report

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.

One-on-One meetings with each commissioner and the NIZC ED will likely be set the last part of May and the first part of June. More information will be emailed; 30-60 minute meetings will be set coordinating with the Commissioner's schedule at a designated location. NIZC Meetings have been set for the rest of 2007.

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 Kotsiopoulos

The next meeting for this committee is undetermined at this time

Other Business

At this time, seeing that there was no other Commission business. *Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Gunn and 2nd by Commissioner Peterman. Motion approved by consent.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy McKillip
Executive Director - NIZC