

Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission
Board of Commission Meeting
2:00PM, January 8, 2009
Nebraska Department of Economic Development
Division Conference Room – 4th Floor State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall-South
Lincoln, NE. **DRAFT**

Commissioner Attending: Tom Delong, Tim Gilligan, Marsha Babcock, Dr. Jack Huck, Marlin Petermann, Phil Mullin, Ken Svoboda, Ernie Arbariotes, Mark Stursma, Jeff Weak.

Kathy McKillip – NIZC Director, Richard Baier –NDED.

Members Excused: Mary Ann Borgeson, David Potter, Kyle Hutchings, Pete Kotsiopoulos, Brenda Gunn, Dave Neilsen, Rich Jansen, Bernie Heier, Brad Stauffer, Chuck Sigerson.

Visitors: Kevin Anderson, Steve Miller, Elizabeth Garvin, David Cary, Mike Sledschlag, George Schuller, Jarel Vinduska, Kimberly Stuhr, Connie Anderson, Patty Wood, Donna Lyman.

NIZC Acting Chair, Ken Svoboda, as instructed by Chair Brenda Gunn, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:05PM.

Kathy McKillip, NIZC Executive Director, then took the Commission roll call at 2:05PM.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Svoboda asked for approval of the agenda as distributed. *Motion made by Commissioner Gilligan and 2nd by Commissioner Petermann, to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion approved 10- 0.*

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Svoboda asked for approval of the 11/06/08 NIZC minutes as distributed. *Motion made by Commissioner Delong and 2nd by Commissioner Gilligan to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion approved by consent.*

Public Comment Period

Public Comment Period opened at 2:10pm.

Jarel Vinduska: Funding for Phase II should define the area and seek some form of agreement with local entities, at this point, this seems un-likely that this can be accomplished.

Kimberly Stuhr: As a citizen of the area, surrounding Schramm Bluffs, how do citizens participate in the process, a regional plan, needs regional government and enforcement, how can that be accomplished without a lawsuit.

Connie Anderson: Corridor has not been formally defined. An Over-riding government needs to be in place for all the I-80 corridor, state wide. This is where the Senators can help.

Seeing no one interested in speaking at that time, Commissioner Svoboda asked for a motion to close the public comment period. *Motion made by Commissioner Gilligan and 2nd by Commission Petermann to close the public comment period. Motion approved by consent.*

Public Comment period closed at 2:15pm

Executive Director Report

If there are additional correspondences that McKillip needs to be aware of and add to the list please let her 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.

Feb. 5th, 2009 will be the day long session event involving the K-10 Association, NPZA regional workshop and NIZC meeting. This will be held at Quarry Oaks Golf Course – Club House. Coordinated efforts with David Potter-JEO Consulting and Bruce Fountain-Schemmer, are developing the event flyer, to be distributed by the middle of the month. With great regret, NIZC has received a letter of resignation from Commissioner Ken Svoboda, effective immediately. Jon Camp, with the Lincoln City Council, will attend the Feb. NIZC meeting, representing, Lincoln City Council. In addition, Commissioner Cook ended his term with the Commission, and Sarpy County has appointed Pat Thomas, to represent them on the Commission, effective immediately.

Commission Discussion

The Commission began discussion about the strong turnout at the Senators luncheon. Richard Baier stated that the turnout was the largest there has been at any NDED event, regarding Nebraska State Senators', in addition, those not in attendance sent staff. It was standing room only, and good discussions followed.

Senator Price requested a timeline regarding the current contractual project. The completion date is scheduled for June 2009.

Discussion from Commissioners on the Executive Committee, reviewed the consultant selection process. Several comments were made regarding the uniqueness that Olsson Associates offered. Those being, the creation of a regional model design standards, a

users guide, test models and assistance for implementation, incorporating legal components regarding the implementations of design standards or guidelines, and utilizing design by a “use” or ranking category.

Consultant Presentation: Steve Miller – Olsson Associates, and Elizabeth Garvin with Clarion, presented a power point presentation to the group. The presentation focused on the next steps and accepting the “First Principles” as outlined in the NIZC Phase I Study.

A brief outline was presented:

Feb -09 -NIZC meeting: draft of procedures presented for review and discussion

March – 09 –Draft presented with more substance

April – 09 – Preliminary Full Draft (during the month of April, community testing)

May – 09 – Final Full draft report for review and prepare for changes or acceptance at the

June NIZC meeting.

Closing Comments

NIZC Commissioner Petermann, took the opportunity to thank Commissioner Svoboda for his service to the Commission.

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy McKillip
Executive Director - NIZC