

Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission
Board of Commission Meeting
October 1, 2009, 7:00pm
Mahoney State Park – River View Lodge
Ashland, NE.

Draft – Note the September NIZC meeting was Cancelled.

Commissioner Attending: Mary Ann Borgeson, Tom DeLong, Marsha Babcock, Pete Kotsiopoulos, Dr. Jack Huck, Dave Nielsen, Marlin Peterman, John Plucknett, Jon Camp, Jeff Weak, Ernie Abariotes, Brad Stauffer, Brenda Gunn, Mark Stursma.
Kathy McKillip – NIZC Director.

Members Excused: Tim Gilligan (alternate) David Potter (alternate) Pete Festersen.

Visitors: Jon Pesce, Jim Rughe, Lou Lamberty.

NIZC Chair, Brenda Gunn, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Kathy McKillip, NIZC Executive Director, then took the Commission roll call at 7:05PM.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Gunn asked for approval of the agenda as distributed. *Motion made by Commissioner Borgeson and 2nd by Commissioner Weak, to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion approved by consent.*

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Gunn asked for approval of the minutes from August 6, 2009. A Correction request to the minutes was made by Commissioner Jeff Weak – requesting to place him as an excused absence for the August meeting. *Motion made by Commissioner Petermann and 2nd by Commissioner Babcock to approve the August 6, 2009 minutes, as corrected. Motion approved by consent.*

Public Comment Period

There was no schedule Public Comment Period at this meeting.

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.

Ms. McKillip presented the NIZC marketing DVD that was completed and presented at the Federal Fly-Back. Commissioners were each given a copy. Additional copies are available for local economic development organizations, chambers, and other entities that would find them useful.

The MOS presentations and signing are moving along and at this time we only have two communities yet to sign on. There are plans to celebrate those supporting the MOS at the NIZC Senator Luncheon event in January 7, 2010.

At this time – Commissioners suggested that the NIZC marketing DVD be played during the meal time at the Senator Luncheon event.

Traditionally NIZC does not hold a December monthly meeting. ***Motion to cancel the December 3; NIZC monthly meeting was made by Commissioner Abariotes 2nd by Commissioner DeLong. Motion approved by consent.***

Commission Discussion & Olsson Associates Presentation/Consultant Update

Lou Lamberty presented the Commission with the final version of the Model Design Standards – the updated utility review. The presentation incorporated water /waste water service areas within the targeted corridor. There would need to be legislative support to create a regional utility district package. In reviewing the HDR study completed several years ago, Commissioner DeLong corrected the information by stating that Ashland does now have the capacity to expand utilities up to exit 426.

After the presentation and discussion, this information will be incorporated into the final version of the Model Design Standards for community use.

Closing Comments

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy McKillip
Executive Director - NIZC

