

# **Cedar County Economic Development Commission**

**August 11, 2015**

**5:30 PM**

## **Cedar County Extension Office Meeting Minutes**

### **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Greg Wagner, Dawn Smith, Joe Wenndt, Pat Hasenbank, Doug Beland,  
Adam Sandberg

**Staff Present:** Rod Ness, Lisa Decker

**Guests:** Sue Hall

Chair Greg Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

### **Consent Agenda Additions/Agenda Approval**

- Joe Wenndt made a motion, seconded by Doug Beland to approve the agenda, minutes, bills, and finance reports. Motion carried.

### **Unfinished/Old Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- Board Chair Greg Wagner said a new Vice Chair is needed due to the death of West Branch Mayor Mark Worrell. Dawn Smith nominated Jon Bell, seconded by Doug Beland. Roll call was taken with all ayes.
- A discussion was held on a possible donation for Senior Dining. Dawn Smith asked if we could get an idea on how many people in the county utilize this service. The Executive Director said he would try to get a write up from them on the number of people they serve.

### **Executive Director's Report**

- East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA) would like the Executive Director to serve on their Board. The meetings would take place every other month. Greg Wagner stated he thought it would be good for him, as all the cities belong.
- Clarence Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC) paid off their loans.
- CCEDCO is partnering with North-Cedar High School to teach a class, through Junior Achievement, on entrepreneurship this school year. Other schools will be asked to consider this program also.
- He will be meeting with Laura Kowalski from Kirkwood Community College to discuss a partnership between Kirkwood and CCEDCO to develop a high school internship program, which would bring awareness of CCEDCO to that demographic.
- Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds visited Altorfer's in West Branch on July 29.

- The Cedar County Awareness Campaign (HERE) continues to be rolled out in in the towns, distributing material to local business and organizations.
- Iowa State Senator Robert Dvorsky would like to attend the September CCEDCO meeting.
- The City of Bennett decided not to join CCEDCO for FY16.
- Cove Equipment and Cleary Building Corporation held Grand Openings.
- He will be attending the Iowa Economic Development 2015 Downtown Summit in Des Moines on August 27-28; also the DNR Funding Economic Development and Revitalization on September 15.
- He will be taking vacation August 10-12.

### City Reports

- Lowden – The new housing addition is moving forward. Schneid's restaurant/bar will be opening on Friday, August 14.
- Clarence – The library moved to its temporary location at 309 Lombard Street so construction can begin on their new building.
- Durant – They are working on the sewer treatment plant; because of this, they do not have any place right now for yard waste, and are looking for a solution. New body cameras were purchased for the city police.
- Cedar County Supervisors – A space study is being done. Courthouse security is becoming a big issue. They continue to work on a plan for a building for the secondary roads; however, they may have to keep the engineer at the courthouse. Wayne Deerberg has resigned, as he is moving to Arizona. Dawn Smith was appointed Chair; she will now have office hours at the courthouse on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- Stanwood – The mayor attended a workshop for making a comprehensive plan. He learned at the workshop that most small towns do not have enough money for the projects they want to do. They are still having some issues with parking on narrow streets.

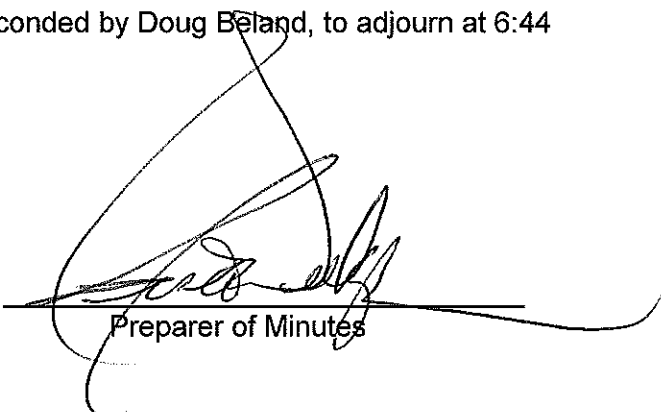
### Announcements

- Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 8 at the Extension Office meeting room.

### Adjourn

- With no further business, Dawn Smith motioned, seconded by Doug Beland, to adjourn at 6:44 p.m.

  
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 Board Chair

  
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 Preparer of Minutes