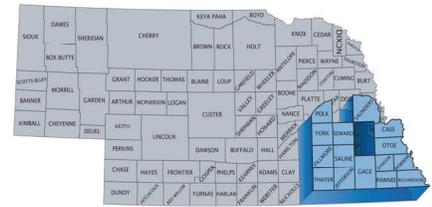


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Southeast Nebraska Development District



Seward Izaak Walton Road Officially Open

The official ribbon cutting for the Seward Izaak Walton Road was held September 17th south of Seward, near the Tenneco plant, a major employer for Seward and Seward County. Financing of the project became a partnership between Seward County, the City of Seward, the Nebraska Department of Roads, and a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA).

In 2009 SENDD assisted the county to obtain a Disaster Recovery Public Works grant from the USDOC – EDA for \$1.1 million. The county, city and state matched the grant with an additional \$700,000 for the project.

In 2008 the area had experienced some storms and flooding which made the project eligible under the program. The completed project provides a bypass route around the City of Seward for trucks and other traffic to increase safety inside the city. The roadway also provides additional access to existing industry in the area. It provides truck traffic that currently travels through the city, to and from business, a path that does not impact the city with truck traffic. The project also involved raising the existing roadway six feet by the Tenneco factory to increase flood protection and remove the roadway from the 100 year flood plain, meeting the levy requirement. In addition, the project will be an incentive for future economic development projects. There are three industrial lots west of Tenneco available for additional businesses and future industries that might want to build.

SEND D was honored to serve Seward County and the City of Seward as long-time members of SEND D as a project manager on this project. The local, state and federal partnership was a great success and the project will benefit the community for many years to come.



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SEND Executive Director Elected NHDA Chair

The Nebraska Housing Developers Association (NHDA) elected officers and board members at its annual meeting on September 17, 2013. Established in 1996, the association has a membership of more than 70 entities working to increase the supply of housing and housing services in Nebraska.

The Board of Directors elected SENDD Executive Director, Dave Taladay, to serve as Chairperson. Other officers include Nancy Striebel as Vice-Chairperson, Mary Kircher as Secretary, and Rob Woodling to serve as Treasurer.

Board members elected for 3-year terms include: Nancy Striebel, Brian Lierman, David Proksel, and Kim Vicars. Rita Horse was elected to fill a vacancy with a 1-year term.

The Nebraska Housing Developers Association provides support to members to increase production of affordable housing, leads statewide awareness and advocacy efforts, and partners in collaborative housing initiatives. Visit www.housingdevelopers.org for more information.

SERN Meeting—November 6th @ Hubbell

The Thayer County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (TCEDA) will host the quarterly Southeast Nebraska Resource Network (SERN) Meeting on November 6, 2013. Community and business stakeholders are invited to attend the SERN Business meeting, Lunch, and a Feature Presentation in Hubbell, Nebraska that day.

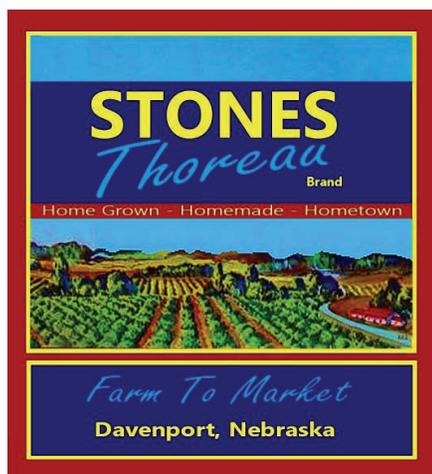
The meeting agenda includes special presentations from the Nebraska Main Street Network, Inc., The Arts Council of Thayer County, and the Thayer County Economic Development Alliance.

After lunch, Mr. Harold Stone will present information from the Stones Thoreau Chronicles, an effort to bring economic and social self-reliance to communities in rural Nebraska. Beginning from the ground up – both literally and figuratively, Mr. Stone will share with participants the latest details on how Stones Thoreau has used the production, processing, consuming and distribution of local, healthy food as the vehicle for efforts in rural economic revitalization.

The SERN business meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. An agenda is located online at: <http://sendd.org/sern-quadrants/>. SERN is a group of development resource and service providers interested in the betterment of Southeast Nebraska. Area community and business stakeholders are encouraged to attend the SERN business meeting to connect with resource and service providers in the region.

A catered lunch provided by The Acreage Steakhouse will be served at 12:15 p.m. Lunch is available for \$10 per person at each attendees own cost (payment due at time of arrival). RSVP is required as seating is limited and lunches must be ordered in advance.

The Feature Presentation, “Community Cooperation- Beginning from the Ground Up” will take place at 1:00 p.m. The event follows the regular SERN business meeting and lunch. There is no cost to attend the presentation however an RSVP is required as seating is limited.



Please send RSVP to Jeremy Voss at tceda@diodecom.net no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 1, 2013. RSVP to include attendance independently for each event: Business Meeting, Lunch, and/or Feature Presentation. Lunch cancellations must be made 48 hours prior to the event. No-Shows will be billed.

To learn more about SERN and how to attend SERN meetings or receive SERN notices, email Jen Olds, SERN Chair at jolds@sendd.org. SERN meeting minutes and information are online at: <http://sendd.org/southeast-nebraska-resource-network/>. SERN includes the following Nebraska counties and their communities: Butler, Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer, and York.