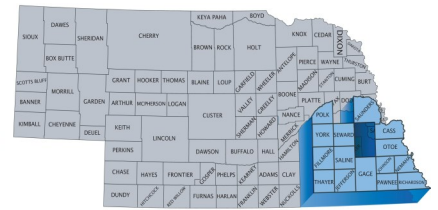


SEND D

Southeast Nebraska Development District



SEND D 40-Years and counting

From SEND D Executive Director Dave Taladay.

At least one movie and some fairy tales start like this... "Long ago and far away." For our southeast Nebraska planning area, that should just be... "Long ago and real close".

In January of 1974, the first full Board of Directors meeting was held for the Vision-17 Area-wide Planning Agency (APA). V-17 APA was the parent of what is now the Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND D); we will be celebrating a 40th year during 2014.

Shortly before V-17 APA, was Vision-17, Inc. That organization was a non-profit corporation created in 1967 by a group of energetic community and business leaders in an effort to create new opportunities for the expansion of existing industries and the recruitment of new industries to a 17-county region of SE Nebraska. That organization then helped to form the Vision-17 APA developed under the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act. While starting with only 5 counties as dues paying members for a few years, V-17 APA merged with the Southeast Nebraska Council of

Governments (SENCOG) to become the Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND D) and gain new member counties.

As we all know now, the SEND D service area consists of 15-counties and 139-communities and continues the mission for its members... "to identify common problems, their solutions and to provide continuing support for efficient and effective government among its members and encourages cooperation between local government officials, community based organizations and the private sector."

I was recently at a conference and met Steve Gilliland, an

from one of his books-"Making a Difference." I agree with him that there are at least three areas of focus that can "make a difference" in success and that reflect the ideals of the District.

Purpose- it drives you. For 40-years our mission has stayed pretty close to the original and the success of communities and counties and local organizations has driven the SEND D Board and staff to persevere.

Passion-it fuels you. If we didn't love what we are doing, the Board would disappear and the staff would go away. Without the passion to provide assistance to communities, the long night

meetings and the administrative programs and requirements could break us down.

Pride-it defines you. I am so proud of the accomplishments of staff in helping our members succeed in programs and projects. In a short article it is hard to enumerate all those successes, but it is easy to see them in the community and county projects throughout the region.



Former SEND D Executive Director and founding father George Frye at the annual board meeting in 1995

Thanks to all our members and partners for getting us

to 40 years; we are counting on a lot more.

inspirational speaker and author. I am taking a few of his ideas

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2014 Department of Economic Development Application Workshops

- Housing Program Workshop—January 30th - 9am-11am @ State Office Building
- CDBG Application Workshops February 3rd – 2 pm -4:30 pm @ State Office Building
- Additional Information can be found on the Department of Economic Developments website or at <http://www.neded.org/news/245-january-2014/1652-cdbg-application-workshops-in-lincoln-norfolk-lexington-and-ogallala-in-february>

Game & Parks awards \$250,000 to Auburn for Recreational Trail Project

The City of Auburn is looking forward to building a walking trail that will circle the City Recreation Complex in northwest Auburn. This trail will take advantage of the existing trees and Longs Creek that borders the north edge of the 27 acre recreation complex. Mayor Scott Kudrna said "We very much appreciate Lisa Beethe and SENDD submitting this grant application on behalf of the City of Auburn. This would not be possible without her. Auburn citizens have desired a trail for many years. This application for a trail to be located on city owned property has eliminated all the contentious issues previous attempts have had."



The new concrete trail will circle on south and west and make a complete loop of the Recreation complex for a 0.72 mile trail. SENDD staff assisted the City of Auburn in fulfilling the Game & Parks application requirements. Construction is anticipated in the coming year.

**Nebraska City Hosting MarkeTECH
February 19, 2014**

Local business persons wanting to know how an eCommerce presence might add to their bottom line have an opportunity to join GrowNebraska in Nebraska City on Wednesday 2-19-2014. Registration Information: Joy Marshall, Strategic Event & Marketing Director, Performance Planners ,402-614-5558, joym@performanceplanners.com

DED 2014 Application Acceptance Dates

Funding Category	Application Closing
Housing	
<i>Nebraska Affordable Housing Program</i>	
Annual Cycle	
Pre-application & Threshold Items	March 7, 2014
Application Due	April 30, 2014
CDBG OOR Cycle	
Pre-application & Threshold Items	May 30, 2014
Application Due	July 18, 2014
Community Development	
<i>Community Investment & Stabilization</i>	
Strategy Application	June 3, 2014
Phase II - Year 1	May 1, 2014
Phase II - Year 2	August 3, 2015
Phase II - Year 2	August 1, 2016
Public Works	
*First Cycle	July 1, 2014
*Second Cycle (If needed)	TBA
Water Wastewater	
Open Cycle, begins May 1, 2014	
Planning	
*First Cycle	April 11, 2014
*Second Cycle	October 31, 2014
*Third Cycle	Open Cycle, begin after Second Cycle
Downtown Revitalization	
*First Cycle	
Pre-application	March 31, 2014
Planning Phase Implemented	June 2014 - March 2015
Phase II Application (Project)	March 1, 2015
*Second Cycle (If needed)	To Be Determined
Economic Development	
Economic Development	Open Cycle
Tourism Development	Open Cycle begins May 2014
Community Civic Center Financing	
Pre- Application February 28, 2014	

SouthEast Nebraska Resource Network (SERN) Meeting
 Thursday, February 20, 2014 10AM
 Room 214 @ SCC's Entrepreneurship Center 285 S. 68th Street Plc
 RSVP to: echase@windstream.net