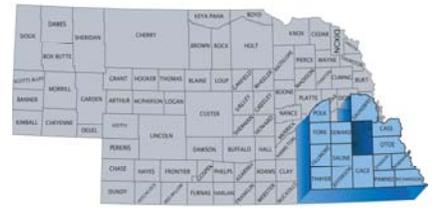


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Southeast Nebraska Development District



NEW MEMBERS ON SENDD BOARD

The SENDD Board met for the first time in 2015 with a slate of newly elected county commissioners and other board member appointments. New members appointed to the SENDD Board include:

Johnson County—Les Agena
Seward County—Roger Glawatz
Pawnee County—Ron Seitz
Gage County—Erich Tiemann
Private Sector Representative—Pat Coldiron of Seward

There may be additional changes that we have not been informed of yet. Many counties were holding their organizational meetings in January/February, so new appointments could still be made.

With the changes in board members we also needed to fill 2 vacancies on the Executive Committee. Lisa Hurley, Executive Director of the York County Development Corporation was elected Secretary of the Board, and Kurt Bulgrin, York County Commissioner was elected Treasurer of the Board. As officers they will also serve on the Executive Committee. The remaining members of the Executive Committee include: Leroy Hansen (Vice Chair), Saunders County, Bob Mueller (Chair), Fillmore County, Tim McDermott, Saline County, Nick Harling, American National Bank, and Cheryl Brandenburgh, Black Hills Energy.

Notes from Executive Director – David Taladay

Just a year ago, we were a staff of 11 long-term employees working for our SENDD counties and communities. What a difference that year has made; one recent retirement, two staff that left for the wilds of South Dakota, and one moving into the private world of engineers.

We are hiring up to fill some of those positions, but we are also changing our internal organizational structure as well. Existing staff have proved themselves of great benefit to the District and to the office, so here are some new titles reflecting those changes:

- ▶ Sharon Taylor—Fiscal Operations Officer
- ▶ Craig Eberle—Business Loan Officer and Assistant Director
- ▶ Jen Olds—Senior Programs Manager
- ▶ Lisa Beethe—Programs Manager
- ▶ Rian Harkins—Community Development Specialist
- ▶ Jim Warrelman—Senior Housing Specialist

We have an additional Housing Specialist position open and hope to hire this person shortly.

For a long time, our structure has been what we called “horizontal,” with the Executive Director and then everybody else. We are now looking at a little more “vertical” structure with some extra levels of authority and responsibility. We will continue to provide updates regarding our staff and their work for all of you. Thanks.

Attention County/City/Village Clerks

Please forward a full roster of your county commissioners, city council members, and village board member names and contact information. We would appreciate a full list with email addresses so that we can update our member contact information. You can email the information to Sharon Taylor at the Lincoln office at staylor@sendd.org.

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Public Comments Due Feb. 6, 2015 on NE Dept. of Economic Development 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development has released their Proposed 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan for review and public comment. The Department has held public forums to discuss the proposed plan and to accept public comment from across the State of Nebraska. They will continue to accept public comment until February 6, 2015 before issuing the final plan. A few highlights we noted in the new plan include:

1. Proposed Grant Allocations: CDBG = \$10 Million, NAHTF = \$8.5 million, and HOME Funds = \$2.7 Million.
2. Program Income/ReUse Funds—Changes to how Program Income and ReUse Funds for Housing & Economic Development funds are proposed. Funds can become de-federalized at certain thresholds or by using a Non Profit Development Organization (NDO). We will monitor these changes and review them further with members after the final guidelines are released.
3. NDED is looking to assist Non-profit Daycares as a priority for their Public Works grants. If you have a need for such a project you should keep this in mind.
4. Planning Grants—NDED will no longer be using Planning Grant dollars for Water & Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Reports. This type of planning activity must be funded with other resources. NDED would like to utilize their funding sources for more implementation activities in the future.

MINK Meeting



The next meeting of the MINK Missouri River Corridor, Inc. group is scheduled for January 30th at the Highland Community College Wellness Center classroom. The address is the corner of North Prairie St. and West Illinois St. in Highland. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch and committee meetings. Please RSVP by January 26th for a lunch count to:

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SERN Meeting



The Southeast Nebraska Resource Network is planning their next meeting for Thursday, March 12, 2015. The meeting will be held at Southeast Community College in Milford at the Dunlap Building at 600 State Street in Milford, NE. Please Save The Date for this informative meeting of resource professionals in southeast Nebraska. Additional information will be released closer to the meeting date.

Grant Application Season is Here: Discuss New Project Ideas NOW!

It is time for our members to be deciding on project ideas that they would like to pursue this year—RIGHT NOW! Your February council and board meetings should be spent discussing these items and contacting SENDD to assist you with planning the next steps. Grant writing season is here and if you are wanting SENDD to help you with grant opportunities we need to get started right away.

Contact Dave, Jen or Rian at the Lincoln office or Lisa at the Humboldt office to discuss your project ideas and arrange for a staff person to visit you if possible. Application deadlines come up very quickly and often require several months of planning ahead of time to get everything in order. Give us a call to discuss your needs.

If you are looking for assistance for a business, contact Craig at the Western Field Office. He can help you identify resources that fit your needs.