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TO: SENDD Board of Directors
FROM: David R. Taladay, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Meeting Notice and Agenda
DATE PREPARED: March 8, 2012

MEETING NOTICE

A dinner/meeting of the Southeast Nebraska Development District's **Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, MARCH 15, 2012. PLEASE NOTE THAT the evening will begin with a 6:30 p.m. dinner which will be at the HY-VEE Store at about 84th and Holdrege St. (1601 No. 84th St.) in Lincoln. We will have the Conference Room in the upstairs level. We will have the Fried Chicken Dinner catered up to the room.**

The business meeting, also to be held at the Conference Room at the HY-VEE Store, is scheduled to begin at **approximately 7:00 p.m.** A current copy of the agenda is available for public inspection each workday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at SENDD's Lincoln office, 2631 "O" St.

Note to Board of Directors

Providing you have a conflict with this meeting date and will be unable to attend, **please** contact the SENDD Lincoln office and advise a staff member that you will not be present. Thank you.

MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A.** Pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, a current copy of the **Open Meetings Act** is posted in the meeting room at the SENDD Office and is available for viewing by the public.
- B.** **Roll Call:** Taken by registration of members in attendance with introduction of all members.
- C.** **Board membership:** Appointments to fill vacancies and non-elected positions and terms. At the time of this notice, no new Board members have been nominated. However, staff continues to seek members. **Formal action may be requested.**

II. MINUTES

- A.** Minutes of the January 19, 2012 Full Board meeting and February 16, 2012 Executive Committee meeting are enclosed with this notice/agenda. **A motion for approval of minutes as written/amended will be sought.**

III. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

IV. FINANCIAL

- A.** **Check Registry:** A copy of the February 2012 Check Registry report is enclosed. **A motion to accept the report as presented and/or amended will be sought.**

B. **Revenue/Expense Report:** A copy of the February 2012 Revenue/Expense Report is enclosed or will be available at the Board meeting. **A motion to accept the report(s) as presented and/or amended will be sought.**

C. **Other Financial:**

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Nuisance Abatement Program:** Staff attended a training workshop in October developed by the West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) for the implementation of a “Nuisance Abatement Program”. Staff have been working on development of a proposal for a “Pilot Project” with a single community to start. Staff anticipates a presentation for a “Pilot Project” to be available at the time of the meeting. **Formal action may be requested.**

B. **Early Warning Sirens:** Staff will make a presentation on the status of the Regional Early Warning Siren project. Significant installation activities have taken place in the last 60+days.

C. **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for 15-County Membership:** SENDD staff are in the beginning stages of preparing a new CEDS for the 15-County area of SENDD. Previously, CEDS for each of the new seven counties had been prepared as part of membership and expansion to a single 15-county EDA recognized District. Staff will present a work plan identifying needed activities, information, participation, etc. to develop this new CEDS document.

D. **Non-Profit Development Organization (NDO):** - Development of a 15-county regional Not-for-Profit Development Organization. Staff will report on the status to date.

E. **Other Old Business:**

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. **EDA – Invitation to submit application for third year for Partnership Planning Grant:**

The Denver Regional Office of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has recently sent us an invitation to submit an application for the third year of our Partnership Planning Grant. This will be processed as an “amendment” to our original application under a three-year program. A deadline for submittal of materials is March 23, 2012. This project will be an application for \$61,000 in EDA to be matched by \$61,000 in local SENDD funding to undertake the work plan. Staff will be working on developing the application materials and at this time the Executive Director is requesting approval of the application and authorization for the Board Chairman to sign necessary documents to support that application. **Formal Action is requested.**

B. **Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) with USDA-Rural Development:** On March 7, 2012 USDA-RD announced receipt of a Nebraska state allocation of \$152,000 in Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) funds. SENDD staff is considering the development of an application to the USDA-RD IRP program for capitalizing a “Regional IRP Loan Fund”. SENDD has an existing IRP loan fund, however almost all funds have been loaned out and are being repaid. SENDD is anticipating submitting an application for \$152,000 of IRP funding through USDA-RD. This application will likely include matching funds from the Nebraska Enterprise Fund (NEF), through their Evergreen Loan Program. The NEF program requires a separate application. The matching funds may be up to 25 % of the IRP loan application, or approximately \$51,000. SENDD staff will provide information on the both loan programs, as well as an application proposal for each program. The deadline to submit an application for the USDA-RD IRP state allocation is April 30, 2012. There is no specific deadline for the NEF Evergreen Loan Program application. NEF Evergreen Loan Program applications are accepted and reviewed on an open cycle as funding is available. The SENDD Executive Director is requesting authorization from the Board to proceed with an application for funding under each program. It is anticipated that a final application to each program will be presented to the SENDD Executive Committee for approval at the April 19, 2012 meeting. **Formal Action is requested.**

C. Other New Business:

VII. STAFF REPORTS AND REMINDERS:

- Potential project applications for funding 2012 CDBG program
- New Employee at Humboldt office: Lisa Beethe. See attached notice
- Newsletter – February / March
- SERN Meeting of March 14, 2012: Staff report from the SERN meeting in Milligan
- Meeting schedule – back on regular schedule. Next Full Board meeting: June 21, 2012

VIII. ADJOURNMENT