

SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2016 MEETING

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) was called to order by SEND Chair Lisa Hurley at approximately 5:26 P.M. at the offices of Black Hills Energy, 1600 Windhoek Drive, Lincoln, NE 68512.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Chair Hurley began the meeting by stating the following: 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 and is available for viewing by the public.

B. Roll call: Roll call was taken by registration, which showed the following 14 Board members present: Kurt Bulgrin, York County; Leroy Hanson, Saunders Co.; Jim Standerford, Richardson Co.; Charles (Ron) Hauptman, Otoe Co.; Bob Mueller, Fillmore Co. (by conference call); Ron Seitz, Pawnee Co.; Gale Pohlmann, Jefferson Co.; Tim McDermott, Saline Co.; Cheryl Brandenburgh, Black Hills Energy; Lisa Hurley, YCDC; Bob Berggren, Rose Colored Glass; Paul Lambert, Jeff Henry Chevrolet; Patt Lentfer, Fillmore County Development Corp.; Brook Aken, OPPD.

Board members absent (13) include: Dave Bruning, Thayer Co.; Erich Tiemann, Gage County; Bob Hutton, Nemaha County; Les Agena, Johnson Co.; Roger Glawatz, Seward Co.; Jim Peterson, Cass Co.; Mike Smith, Polk County; Stephanie Shrader, Private Business Consultant – Nebraska City; TiAnn Allen, Tri Valley Bank; Jerry Divis, Divis Planning Service; Matt Raber, First Tri County Bank; Daryl Long, Peru State College; Jeff Reynolds, REAP.

Staff members present were Craig Eberle and Sally Bennett of the SEND-Lincoln office.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Executive Director Position – Introduction: At this time Lisa Hurley, SEND Board Chair, introduced Tom Stephens to the SEND Board of Directors and SEND staff present at the meeting. She stated that upon completion of the interview process, Tom Stephens has been identified by the SEND Executive Committee as the final candidate for the SEND Executive Director Position. Mr. Stephens provided the Board with a brief summary of his past and current work history, experiences and ideas for the SEND organization. No action needed on this agenda item and none taken.

B. Executive Director Position – Q & A Session: At this time an open dialogue began between Mr. Stephens and the SEND Board and staff members present at the meeting took place. There was a good discussion among all meeting participants. No action needed on this agenda item and none taken.

C. Executive Director Position – Board Approval: At this time, the Board Chair called for a motion to approve the hiring of Tom Stephens for the SEND Executive Director Position. She requested the vote be conducted by roll call. After a brief discussion, McDermott made a motion to approve the hiring of Tom Stephens as the new SEND Executive Director. The motion was seconded by Standerford. A roll call vote was taken: Bulgrin: Yes; Hanson: Yes; Standerford: Yes; Hauptman: Yes; Mueller: Yes; Seitz: Yes; Pohlmann: Yes; McDermott: Yes; Brandenburgh: Yes; Hurley: Yes; Berggren: Yes; Lambert: Yes; Lentfer: Yes; Aken: Yes. Motion passed unanimously on the roll call vote.

D. Open Meetings Act Request: Chair Hurley advised the Board of Directors that they had received a public records request. She indicated that they have consulted with their attorney and will respond appropriately, along with making the allowed documentation available in the proper manner. A brief discussion followed the overview by Hurley. No action needed on this agenda item and none taken.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Full SENDD Board of Directors, Chair Hurley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was moved by Brandenburgh, seconded by Bulgrin. Motion passed unanimously on a vote by acclimation. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Craig Eberle
Secretary Pro Tem