

Minutes  
Anderson County Development Agency  
April 22, 2016  
City Hall, Garnett, KS

In attendance: Reuben Feuerborn, Sandra Zook, Les McGhee , Mike Hill, Eileen Burns along with Dennis Arnold, Economic Director and Sandra Hofling with NetWork, KS. Absent: Bill Craig, Doug Rockers. Dennis Arnold, Economic Director called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting. Reuben Feuerborn moved to approve the minutes and Les McGhee seconded the motion. Motion was approved 5-0.

Discussion of Old Business

- A. Creative Arts Grant:
  - 1. Iron cut outs will be up soon. The selected designs were shown to the board.
- B. Network Kansas Program
  - 1. Reuben met with Phyllis Wilson today who is the Sponsor for FBLA to discuss the entrepreneur class Mr. Messinger teaches and the NetWork Kansas Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. He reported that the school has responded positively to the idea of a mini challenge this year (Messinger will need to give his approval).
  - 2. Reuben suggested that ACDA donate a \$50 prize and he will volunteer if needed. He is hoping to get on their calendar for next year.
  - 3. Jamie Hofling said NetWork Kansas would need a point of contact, most likely Dennis, to keep them updated on the progress.
  - 4. Dennis suggested possibly adding the Ice House Program info to this and Discovery Plan.
  - 5. The following was suggested:
    - i. Kids Program: 1-2hr. Seminar: taught by Dennis
    - ii. Adult Program: 1-2 day Seminar: taught by other
  - 6. Jamie reported on another possible program through NetWork Kansas called Economic Gardening. This program helps communities grow businesses to 2<sup>nd</sup> stage. For businesses interested in growth, it gives them access to a marketing team and research teams to help them achieve this growth. \* see attached brochure. The E- community could cover the \$3500 cost out of E-Community funds. (Jamie departed the meeting)
- C. Available Buildings
  - 1. Taylor Forge is out
  - 2. Lowered to \$270,000 on old R&S building

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- A. Genco
  - a. Dennis met with state on incentives for them.
  - b. They are looking to put up a new building
  - c. Dennis will approach county about a possible tax rebate program through the county tied to jobs vs a tax rebate.
- B. Co-Op
  - a. Reuben presented an idea about creating a co-op to benefit the county concerning wind energy. Further discussion was tabled.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48pm  
Eileen Burns, Secretary

**Next meeting date is May 24, 2016 at 5:15pm at City Hall.**

## Overview

During 2014 and 2015, NetWork Kansas E-Communities held 16 local-level youth entrepreneurship competitions as part of the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge Series, culminating in a total of 3 regional-level youth entrepreneurship competitions, at which a total of 55 students have competed over two years, earning more than \$15,000 in prize money from NetWork Kansas.

During the 2015-2016 academic year, E-Communities have the opportunity to host local-level entrepreneurship competitions and submit their event to be part of the “Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge series” culminating in a statewide youth entrepreneurship competition. Local entrepreneurship competitions must meet certain guidelines in order to qualify as part of the series and to be eligible to use E-Community funds to pay for part or all of the competition.

In October, [NetWork Kansas announced](#) it had partnered with The Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship at Kansas State University to sponsor the Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge for Kansas high school students on April 25, 2016.

The competition gives Kansas high school students experience in the process of making a business proposal. To compete, students must research, write and submit an executive summary on a new venture concept. If their business concept is chosen as a finalist, they will then have the opportunity to pitch their venture to a panel of judges that consists of local entrepreneurs, bankers, and investment experts.