

Anderson County Development Agency (ACDA)
Minutes
February 21, 2017

The meeting of the Anderson County Development Agency was called to order at 5:17 p.m. with the following members present: Reuben Feuerborn, Chairman; Les McGhee, Doug Rockers (by telephone), and John Wilson, Board Members. Also in attendance were Dennis Arnold, Economic Development Director, Susan Wettstein, Administrative Assistant, and guests Eric Pedersen, VP of Entrepreneurship, and Shelley Paasch, Senior Product Manager-Eastern Region, both representing NetWork Kansas. Absent: Eileen Burns, Secretary, and Sandra Zook, Board Member.

Dennis Arnold introduced new board member, John Wilson.

A motion was made by Les McGhee to approve the minutes of January 31, 2017 as presented. John Wilson seconded the motion. Those in favor: 4. Opposed: 0.

Dennis asked that this meeting recess to take care of E-Community business. Doug Rockers is ill but attending via telephone. It is unknown how long he may be able to participate. The ACDA meeting is hereby adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:35 p.m.

Old Business

Dennis reported on the "You Lead Now" 3-day Leadership Class he attended last week presented by the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita. He shared the differences between "Adaptive" and "Technical" challenges in regard to economic development.

New Business

Dennis also shared with the Board the request by the city commission to provide monthly reports on committee activity through Joyce. Susan Wettstein reported that she had not been sending the approved minutes out with the monthly meeting notices, but that they are available online after the meeting in which they are approved. Dennis asked that she send them to the commissioners.

Dennis plans to host a workshop on Economic Development once the new Garnett City Manager is hired. Invited to this workshop will be the ACDA Board, City and County Commissioners. It will include discussion on what is the role of Economic Development. Dennis gave an overview of where he sees economic development heading.

Dennis introduced Eric Pedersen and Shelley Paasch from NetWork Kansas. Eric gave a short presentation on the benefits of being a part of NetWork Kansas; that Dennis got Anderson County in on the ground floor as one of the first 6 counties to participate in the \$2 million Entrepreneurship for Rural Communities Program. The establishment of E-Communities allows a portion of the tax credits to become a revolving loan fund. Eric

explained how the tax credits were sold. To date the local E-Community has made 5 matching loans. These loans do not replace bank loans. They simply provide the balance of funds needed. Currently, there are 59 communities NetWork Kansas works with.

Eric introduced Shelley Paasch. She replaces Jamie Hofling. She is there to assist the NetWork Kansas communities located in the eastern part of the state. She shared she lives in Coffeyville and is now employed full-time with NetWork Kansas.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Susan Wettstein.