

IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, April 17th, 2025 / 10:30 A.M.**

**INRCOG
229 E Park Avenue
3rd Floor Board Room
Waterloo, Iowa**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Consider Meeting Minutes of Jan 16th, 2025
4. RLF Update
5. CEDS Update
6. EDA Regional Updates
7. Population Study Update
8. Regional Project Updates
9. Tentative 2025 Meeting Schedule (3rd Thursdays, 10:30 AM, INRCOG Board Room):
 - a. July 17, 2025
 - b. October 16, 2025
10. Other Business
11. Adjourn.

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Quarterly Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors
April 17th, 2025 • 10:30 A.M. • INRCOG Board Room/Microsoft Teams

1. The quarterly meeting of the Iowa Northland Regional Economic Development Commission (INREDC) Board of Directors was called to order at 10:30 A.M. The meeting agenda was posted for use by members and the general public.

Commission members present: Drew Conrad, UNI; Lisa Kremer, Buchanan County Economic Dev Corps; Keith Weiland, Buchanan County; Linda Laylin, Black Hawk County; Bob Brunkhorst, Bremer County; Lexi Schneider, City of Waterloo; Others present, Isaiah Corbin, INRCOG; Brian Schoon, INRCOG; Vincent Ruggiere, INRCOG

2. A quorum was present. Approval of agenda and consideration of minutes were considered. A motion was made by Kremer and seconded by Conrad to approve the agenda. Motion carried. A motion was made by Kremer and seconded by Conrad to approve the minutes from Jan 16th, 2025. Motion carried.
3. Corbin provided a brief update on the RLF. Since the last meeting, No BS Lures was recommended for approval by the RLF committee for \$125,000. There is currently \$33,000 available in the CARES RLF for lending. Corbin discussed the use of legacy RLF funds and provided some recommendations and asked for feedback from the Board.
4. Corbin provided an update on the planning grant. Just over 1 year remains on the planning grant. Corbin discussed some possible changes within EDA and planning grants and discussed the CEDS Plan update due November 2027.
5. Corbin updated the group on a recent RFP for a consultant to conduct a study on the lack of population growth in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls MSA. The study is being brought forth by Grow Cedar Valley. The kickoff meeting is May 5th.
6. Corbin asked for updates regarding recent changes at the State and Federal level and those impacts as well as any updates within the region. Conrad discussed the Regent's Innovation Fund and recent planning taking place across the state with recent leadership changes. Weiland discussed some recent construction projects taking place. Laylin discussed recent changes to districting. Brunkhorst discussed TIF in Bremer County, Waverly Utilities RLF, as well as a 200 acre site for development. Schneider discussed some Iowa laws the City is following as well as International Paper, Food Bank expansion, and the South Waterloo Business Park. Kremer discussed their RLF and grant program for small businesses in Buchanan County.
7. The meeting schedule for 2025 was reviewed. (3rd Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., INRCOG Board Room).
 - a. July 17, 2025
 - b. October 16, 2025
8. A motion was made by Conrad and seconded by Kremer to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Isaiah Corbin, Acting Secretary