

**IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Thursday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 / 10:30 A.M.**

**INRCOG  
229 E Park Avenue  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Board Room  
Waterloo, Iowa**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Consider Meeting Minutes of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024
4. RLF Update
5. CEDS Update
6. Population Study
7. Regional Project Updates
8. Tentative 2025 Meeting Schedule (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 10:30 AM, INRCOG Board Room):
  - a. January 16, 2025
  - b. April 17, 2025
  - c. July 17, 2025
  - d. October 16, 2025
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn.

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**IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**Quarterly Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 • 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; Aaron Sauerbrei, Hawkeye CC; Connie Tolan, City of Waverly; Jeff Kolb, Butler-Grundy Economic Development; Lisa Kremer, Buchanan County Economic Dev Corps; Tammy Robinson, City of New Hampton; Clayton Ohrt and Keith Wieland, Buchanan County; Lexi Schneider, City of Waterloo, Linda Laylin, Black Hawk County. Others present, Isaiah Corbin, INRCOG;

2. A quorum was present. Approval of agenda and consideration of minutes were considered. A motion was made by Laylin and seconded by Ohrt to approve the agenda. Motion carried. A motion was made by Robinson and seconded by Tolan to approve the minutes from May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion carried.
3. Corbin provided a brief update on the RLF. Since the last meeting, Feast & Fire BBQ closed on their loan request for \$45,000. Leverage Printing was sold and therefore paid off their loan. An update on All in Grocers was provided. Finally, Corbin informed the committee regarding the Office of Inspector General investigating the F-9 Logistics loan.
4. Corbin updated the group on the region's planning grant. Corbin discussed the Waterloo Fiber and Cedar Falls Whitewater projects. Corbin provided an overview of the CEDS and discussed the process for the new members. Corbin then discussed the population study being worked on in response to the region's lack of population growth.
5. Regional project updates were given. Laylin discussed the budgeting process and ARPA dollars as well as Pinecrest campus's conversion. Sauerbrei discussed the expansion of the regional trucking center as well as the We Build program, and Butler Hall updates. Conrad discussed the applied engineering program. Robinson discussed the \$12 bond update for wastewater and road improvements. Kremer discussed Buchanan County's community leadership program, childcare, and Independence Premium Food. Kolb discussed the Green Products Company and VT Industries expansion as well as childcare needs and finishing the Butler Logistics Park master plan. Tolan updated the group on the Bremer Ave Bridge, newly hired Chamber director, workforce housing tax credit, and housing needs analysis. Ohrt provided an update on recent infrastructure needs and EMS Levy that didn't pass. Schneider discussed the Crossroads Mall agreement and Water Street Building project.
6. The meeting schedule for 2024 was reviewed. (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., INRCOG Board Room).
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7. A motion was made by Conrad and seconded by Kremer to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaiah Corbin, Acting Secretary