

NATURAL RESOURCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (NRED) BOARD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021 4:30 PM

Dial In Number 1-312-584-2401 ext. 1378275#

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Call to Order (4:32 PM)

Members Present: Beckman, Maxwell and Tanner
Members Absent: Carrier

Approval of Minutes

- I. [21-5939](#) Approval of March 17, 2021 Minutes
Beckman noted that under New Business, his name was associated with the Climbers Association sentence. This should have been Carrier, not Beckman. The change has been made. A motion was made by Carrier, seconded by Tanner, to approve the March 17, 2021 minutes with the above mentioned changes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communications

The County Administrator noted that she had been receiving emails to the NRED email address and she wanted to let the committee know it was working.

Old Business

- II. [21-5940](#) Outreach Update
The Committee Coordinator noted that he had sent out requests on behalf of the NRED committee asking for information from various land managers for the public information document the committee had been working on. As of the current meeting, three responses had been received. He also noted that a second request would be made next week to those land managers who have not responded yet. Tanner and Beckman noted that they were waiting on more information for the Ralph Clover Reserve.
- III. [21-5941](#) GIS Update
The County Administrator communicated that she had spoken with the County's Supervisor of Assessments about the GIS system. She noted that the committee is welcome to utilize the GIS system, but that the Assessments office has no one who is trained beyond the basic set-up that it is used for. The County Administrator asked the committee for their thoughts on reaching out to the forestry professors at SIU to see if enhancing the program with information could be done by students as a class project for the semester. Tanner had the same idea and noted he would reach out to the university. He asked if there was available funding for this and the County Administrator noted that the only funding available would be for purchasing software to enhance the program and not for paying students. Maxwell noted that it was possible for her to update and maintain the layers in the GIS program going forward once it was complete. Beckman relayed that he could reach out to Charlie Foor to see if he could provide data sets of INDR properties for GIS. He noted he would need to see what data was available and then report back to the committee.
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Maxwell questioned whether it was necessary to start compiling lists of available grants and grant sources. Tanner and Beckman agreed. The County Administrator communicated that the County Grant Writer could look into some grants to see what is available. The committee asked if they could send grant information to the County Administrator and the Committee Coordinator to compile for the next meeting, of which the response was yes. The committee then had a brief discussion on filling the current vacant spot on the board and discussed ways to reach out to various people.

Adjourn (5:01 PM)

Beckman moved and Maxwell seconded to adjourn, motion carried.