

**Rural Development Council (RDC) Meeting
TEAMS meeting/WSI – Board Room
October 22, 2024, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

CALL TO	MEMBERS PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT	
	Dawn Mandt	KayCee Lindsey	Tammy Heick
	Gwen Crawford	Lindsey Lipp	Rikki Roehrich
	Jay Doan	Carol Peterson	Nicolette
	Teran Doerr	Daniel Stenberg	Daschendorf
	Antionette Heier	Maria Effertz	Anya Hondel
	Megan Langley		

ORDER/WELCOME

Chairwoman Dawn Mandt called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m, welcoming member, and guests. Tammy Heick did roll call and we have a quorum. Maria Effertz welcomed and introduced a new Commerce employee, Nicolette Daschendorf, Administrator, Office of Community Development and Rural Prosperity.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Minutes

MOTION: It was moved by Dan Stenberg, seconded by Kaycee Lindsey to approve the Rural Development Council minutes of June 25, 2024, as amended. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

MOTION: A motion was made by Daniel Stenberg to nominate Megan Langley as the RDC Chair, seconded by Gwen Crawford. Motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was made by Gwen Crawford to nominate Daniel Stenberg, as the RDC Vice Chair, seconded by Kaycee Lindsey. Motion carried.

Past Chairwoman, Dawn Mandt handed the gavel to newly elected Chairwoman Megan Langley.

Appointment of Executive Members

Dawn Mandt reminded the council that 2 new executive members need to appoint 2 additional members and Chairwoman Megan Langley acknowledged.

Rural Roundtable

Each member provided brief project updates within their community.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Review Committee Top Priorities, Maria Effertz

Maria Effertz reviewed strategic planning; top priorities being housing, childcare and workforce being addressed by everyone. Additional points:

- Continue to support the workforce development team- specifically in rural areas
- RWIP may not be funded for childcare next biennium
- Create a rural prosperity vision together with the resources we have and what we need
- Bismarck food distribution center closing, finding a solution for rural food sustainability
- Ensuring the voice is heard for rural ND

Madam Chairwoman Megan Langley introduced a draft policy for conversation regarding defining what local foods would be in ND Century Code. She reviewed the draft policy with the members for consideration.

Madam Chairwoman suggested structuring a new future agenda structure: 1: Partnership /Stakeholder time 2: Monitor report comment/upcoming policies 3) Strategy. The group discussed the role of the RDC and how to move forward into 2025.

Office of Community Development and Rural Prosperity overview

Maria Effertz provided a draft presentation about a program regarding implementation of the "community of the future pilot." The RDC was asked to review and provide valuable input to this presentation. She discussed what the DCS office is proposing for a legislative funding request and provided a few impacts of DCS' grants.

UPCOMING MEETING

The next meeting is being scheduled by doodle poll that Tammy Heick will be sending to the group for voting.

COUNCIL POSITON OPENING

We have an opening in Region II-NE if you know anyone who would be a great asset, please encourage to apply on the ND Board & Commission website or reach out to Commerce.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved adjourn the meeting at 3:04 p.m.