

## Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

**DATE:** February 18, 2015 (approved 03/11/15)

**LOCATION:** Municipal Building

### DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President)\*  
Larry Karel (Vice President)\*  
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)\*  
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)\*  
Javier Arizmendi  
Jarrod Gillig  
Denise Kracl

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jeff Gall  
Jon Knutson  
Chris Langemeier\*  
Richard Folda  
Brian Vavricek

### Invited Guests

Jim McGowen  
Brian Bywater, CHS

### CARC Members\*

Lonnie Kitt\*  
Larry Karel\*  
Jerry Karnatz\*  
Charlie Heavican\*  
Chris Langemeier\*

**Mission Statement: To provide leadership in facilitating community development and sustained economic growth.**

### 7:00 a.m.

- SCD Meeting called to order by Lonnie Kitt (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- 01-28-15 Meeting Minutes approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Opportunities and support for local businesses added as a regular topic for discussion. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, on-site business coaching available to Schuyler businesses via the Schuyler Entrepreneurial Enterprise (S.E.E. Initiative). Doris Lux (CCC) and Juan Sandoval (REAP) are the S.E.E. Business Coaches.
- LB 840 revenue (\$34,290) collected during the first two months of the current fiscal year. Revenue down 2.8% (-\$997) from the previous year.
- YTD SCD expenditures (Oct 1<sup>st</sup> - Feb 15<sup>th</sup>) were \$36,017.73 (46.9% of Budget).
- As of the end of December 2015, project \$49,496 in LB 840 loan repayments.
- Directors provided NDOR website information on the planned expansion (four lanes) of U.S. Highway 30 Expressway between Schuyler and Fremont. Construction is scheduled to begin 2016 and 2019, and could take 4 to 5 years to build.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: Completed the change-out of transformers at Cargill. Also, bids to construct sanitary lift station (Water Tower Subdivision - W. 22<sup>nd</sup> & N. Chicago) to be opened next week.
- Both the HDC and the DRDCD are reviewing current LB 840 loan programs. Directors may anticipate receiving proposed revisions to loan programs in the near future.
- Schuyler Community Schools: Community leaders were invited to participate in the SCS Strategic Planning process (second year) on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Schuyler's Cobblestone Hotel. Twelve new priorities were identified and added to last year's list; #12 (Increase Teacher Residency / Involvement) was of particular interest to Directors. Because of the unexpected high cost, the Board of Education rejected bids for constructing an exterior fire escape at the preschool building; a new architectural plan will be requested.
- Brian Bywater (CHS) briefly outlined networking efforts during his recent attendance at the 2015 NIFA Conference in Omaha (Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>).
- Potential Options for Top Notch Building to be presented at a future SCD Meeting.
- Distributed copies of 'Schuyler FACTS' to be utilized during the February 19<sup>th</sup> Community Buildings Meeting at the Cobblestone Hotel - Directors invited to attend.
- Miscellaneous:
  - 2.5% December unemployment in Colfax County (148 individuals)
  - 474 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius of Schuyler as of 02/14/15
  - February 19<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) – Community Builders (5pm - 8pm)
  - SCD's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Sep. 15, 2015) - series of celebratory events yet to be planned

**8:00 a.m. - adjourned** Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** March 11th, (Wednesday)

**TIME:** 7:00a.m. – 8:00a.m.

**LOCATION:** Municipal Building

*Minutes prepared by Kem Cavanah, EDC*