

## SDC Board Meeting

August 5th, 2009 (approved on 08-26-09)

**LOCATION:** City Building

**TIME:** 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

### **ATTENDING:**

Larry Karel (President)  
Lonnie Kitt (Vice President)  
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)  
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)  
Marv Capoun  
Kem Cavanah (EDC)  
Richard Folda  
Jeff Gall  
David Johnson  
Brian Vavricek

### **ABSENT:**

Jon Knutson  
Steve Thompson

### **Guests:**

none

### **TOPICS:**

#### **7:00 a.m.**

- SDC Board Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (President).
- Minutes (07-15-09) approved.
- Directors were reminded of funds available (\$168,703) for business loans. Loans (secondary / bridge) are packaged and administered by NENEDD on behalf of the City of Schuyler.
- The Nebraska Diplomats form alliances with other Nebraska economic development organizations to promote the state's productive business climate and unique quality of life. Currently, Schuyler does not have an individual as a member in this organization. Charlie Heavican agreed to consider becoming a member on behalf of the SDC and the community of Schuyler. Membership is one of the prerequisites for a community to become E.D. Certified.
- Director candidates to replace Chris Miller were discussed; Roland Nickolite, Gil Wigington, Jeff Schmidt, Chris Langemeier. Richard Folda volunteered to approach Chris to assess his interest.
- As of May '09, YTD Sales Tax Revenues are up +\$34,500 (14.0%). LB 840 revenues are up +\$17,855 (14.6%). The Economic Development Fund is fully funded (\$140,000) for the current fiscal year. Excess sales tax revenue for the remaining fiscal year is deposited into the City's General Fund for Parks & Recreation, Public Safety and Capital Improvements. Identifying specific community projects (e.g. baseball field lights, South Park Lakes restoration, etc.) and earmarking excess sales tax revenues to help complete identified projects prior to the 2012 **SEDPlan** referendum was a general consensus. All LB 840 (**SEDPlan**) expenditures require City Council approval.
- As of July 1, 2008, U.S. Census Bureau estimates Schuyler's population at 5,163. To remain a first-class city, population must be at least 5,000. The importance of an accurate 2010 census of Schuyler was emphasized.
- Kem has been notified by DED of a possible site visit in the next few weeks. Details are limited – more information may follow if site visit is confirmed.
- Miscellaneous:
  - unemployment in June for Colfax County was 4.3% (242 unemployed individuals and 5,398 individuals who were employed) - Nebraska's June unemployment was 4.4%
  - 174 FT / PT employment opportunities within a 20 mile radius of Schuyler were listed on the NE Workforce Development website on August 4th

**8:00 a.m.** – adjourned

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** August 26th, 2009 (Wednesday)

**TIME:** 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** City Building