

Intergovernmental Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Dave Iverson, with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present from the Village Board included Kristy Dodge, Dave Iverson, Taylor Harris, Steve Humke, Reid Bressner, and Kim Wargo. Jason Montello was absent. Members present from Nebraska Township included Doug Erickson and Steve Smith.

No comments from Person's Present

President's Comments – Dave Iverson stated that he wants to convert the known facts from the last meeting into a plan that would allow Nancy the needed information to start on a draft.

New Business

Rise Research Report – Roseanna presented 2-word clouds emphasizing the importance of the survey results.

5-year Economic Development Plan Discussion – The boards had a roundtable discussion led by Nancy Ouedraogo. At the end of the evening, the key findings from the community survey results were used to form four actionable statements informing decision-making moving forward. These four statements were further broken down into projects.

- 1) We will attract and support more job opportunities, businesses, economic activity, and involvement in our downtown and community.*

Project: Streetscape > Lighting

Capitals needed:

Action steps / Tasks: Research/purchasing/discussion/contractor partnership (maintenance plan?)

Roles: village board

Project: Street sound

Capitals needed:

Action steps / Tasks: Research/discussion/purchasing/ID contractor (partnership)... Install Speakers

Roles: Mayor Dave; committee

Project: Diversify Downtown businesses and downtown amenities/aesthetics for businesses (business creation/retention/expansion)

Capitals needed: county-level business development resources, Livingston ED, state resources, Illinois Main Street, DCEO, Extension small business development resources, succession planning resources, pop-up resources, SBDC (IL Wesleyan)/ITC resources (ID closest)

Action steps / Tasks: Engage/activate resources; committee/teambuilding; communication; information-gathering; gain expert assistance; organize initiatives and work on projects; Assess historic main street building possibilities.

Roles: Existing businesses and entrepreneurs, volunteer with architecture background, handy people,

2) *We will expand broadband infrastructure, both rural and community-wide, and increase access to digital opportunities.*

Project: Local - Nebraska Township / Flanagan / School District (funding implications designate scopes)

Action steps / Tasks: county-level collaboration; Extension brokers talks with Mark DeKeersgieter (CIRBN); add survey responses from Flanagan to the county infrastructure analysis (Nancy shares the link to Livingston's survey)

3) *We will promote future expansion and engagement with existing recreational, health, and wellness assets.*

Project: Recreational activities (pickleball, pool activities)

Project: Park playground/attractions

Project (all objectives): Community Center

4) *We will continue to promote a healthy and safe community environment and develop emergency/disaster preparedness (hazard mitigation).*

Project: COAD Development (Community Organizations Active in Disaster); VOAD Development (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster)

Action steps / Tasks: see Livingston County Hazard Mitigation Plan and ID gaps; possible outreach on family-level and business-level.

Project: EMS response from Gridley – we want local EMS response (FD)

Community Capitals Framework – Identifying

On a motion by Dave, seconded by Kim, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.