

Discussion Item: Research Farm Update

Reed reported that not much has happened with the Research Farm in the last month. The next step is to talk with the Board of the Yuma facility.

Discussion Item: Executive Director Search Committee Update

Doug reported that there are currently twelve applicants for the Executive Director position. The application deadline is April 15.

Discussion Item: Investor Follow-up Committee Update

Two lists were provided in the meeting packet:

- investors who have recently submitted investment installments
- investors who have not made their investment installments in a timely manner

The Board was encouraged to reach out to those who were on the lists and thank them for their continued support.

Discussion Item: Economic Development Grant Meeting

Doug recently attended a meeting hosted by SCEDD in which a discussion was held regarding a funding opportunity via CDBG Comprehensive Development. The goal was to determine whether or not there are significant strategies or projects already in the plans for Holdrege's future for which this funding might be a good fit. Although housing is not the only eligible project, the discussion at the meeting mainly centered around housing projects.

Doug explained that it would be smart to get a committee together in order to continue the discussion and possibly design a program that everyone can work together with. Doug explained that he does not have adequate time to devote to the process and sought volunteers for the committee. Seeing no volunteers, Fred said that he will make phone calls to get Board members involved.

Open Discussion: Central Nebraska FAM Tour

The Central Nebraska FAM Tour, hosted by NPPD, will be held on Monday, March 21. Doug explained that four communities will be making presentations to the site selectors. While Holdrege is the smallest community that will be represented, it is also the only community with rail service to its available site.

Adjournment at 4:48 pm