



- **High Demand Jobs Scholarship:** 14 applicants this year. The committee will meet later this week to review applications and approve scholarships. There are four returning graduates this year.
- **Holdrege Young Professionals (HYP):** HYP hosted its second successful event this month, which included tours of BD and a social gathering at Gutterz. The next event will include tours of downtown buildings which have undergone renovations.
- **Steps to Startup:** Alli reported that while she used to only get maybe 10 inquiries per year, she is now getting up to 1-2 per week. Janita Pavelka is hosting a Mindset Matters course in Holdrege. Alli explained the premise of the course and encouraged Board members to promote it to anyone who runs a business or is interested in running a business.
- **Downtown Renovations:** PCDC has instituted a new program which will help businesses by reimbursing landfill fees for extensive renovations of targeted buildings. The first to take advantage of this is Bob & Norm's with the renovation of their new building.
- **Career Pathways:** Alli had a meeting with Holdrege Public Schools to discuss the possibility of bringing this type of program to Phelps County. There were several concerns that need to be addressed before the school will feel comfortable investing in this type of project.

#### **Discussion Item: Covenants Meeting with Christian Homes**

Ron and Doug Stevenson met with Don Bakke and Steve Bergstrom to discuss the proposed covenants revisions for Iron Horse Business & Industry Park. Ron reported that it seems that everyone is on the same page and he didn't sense any disagreement. Christian Homes is having the document reviewed by their attorney.

#### **Board Members Exchange**

**Ball fields:** Grant asked about progress on the ball fields. Ron reported that Olsson Associates is still working on the design for the fields and he has been continuing conversations with the City. The expectation is to begin moving dirt this summer.

**County Commissioners Report:** Tom Nutt reported that two positions had been open at the county level – Veteran's Service Officer and Planning & Zoning Administrator. Travis Horner has filled both of these positions.

**Housing Steering Committee:** Michele gave a brief update from the Housing Steering Committee meeting.

**Adjournment at 4:56 pm**