

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Directors**  
**Solomon Valley Economic Development, Inc. (SVED)**  
**January 18, 2018**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of SVED was held at 12:30 o'clock p.m., at Porter House, Basement Meeting Room, Beloit, Kansas for the regular monthly meeting on January 18, 2018. Members and guests attending were, to-wit:

Board: Lydia Housh, Gaylene Sorell, Brent Cunningham, Ryan Duskie Kent Miller, Larry White, Gina Brockelman, Gene Pestinger and Robert Lampert.

Members & Guests: John Cashatt, Bob Severance, Jason Rabe, David Neubert, and Heather Hartman,

Officers Present: Curt Frasier and Robert Davis.

Officers Absent: Mike Thompson.

Board Members Absent: Harry McGrath, Jim Gates and Tom Claussen.

Minutes of December 21, 2017 were approved by mail and email. Motion was made by Robert Severance to approve the minutes and seconded by Robert Lampert, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report was given by Robert Davis.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT:**

Heather Hartman reported on ongoing projects. The City of Beloit was denied the Housing Rehab grant they had applied for. There were different criteria that had to be met this time, i.e. a project zone/area for all projects to occur within, etc. Evidently the target area/zone on the application was too large. The downtown area of Beloit was the target area. Last time this grant covered 14 rehab projects and 4 demos. However, NCRPC did have several projects through the Block Grant program that were approved for infrastructure, sewer projects, etc. in the area.

Heather discussed the Moderate Income Housing Program being developed. Applications for this program are being developed. This program would include the parameters within the Beloit city limits and provide moderate range of pricing.

Heather has been assisting with a Dane G. Hansen housing program that would include Mitchell and Cloud Counties. They would aid for a down payment program. The application for this grant program is due in February and the results would be known in March.

Heather Hartman indicated that Beloit currently has 61 houses for sale, 3 in Glen Elder and 4 in Tipton. Cloud County currently has 117 houses for sale.

Little Red School House renovation was discussed. Jerry Boettcher donated money for this renovation with Mitchell County, City of Beloit and USD #273 committing to a joint venture arrangement to repair and maintain the property. It is hoped with this renovation will help tourism.

Jason Rabe discussed the proposed USD #273 Alternative Learning Center with 5 other school districts. The proposed would expand and take in more children. Early suggestions were using the Administration Building on a temporary basis for overnight stay for the students that come from a distance. This hopefully would be a model for the state. Children 10 and under are the majority of the children with these problems but the program includes K-12 ages. Jason went on to inform the group that the Alternative Learning Center uses the Boys Town Model. He stated trauma informed care is necessary for children typically who have endured 3 or more traumatic events in their lifetimes. These are the children that often end up at the center.

Heather Hartman informed the members that she has the keys to the old Dollar General Building if anyone is interested in renting or purchasing the building. It is for sale for \$325,000.00. She indicated the Curt's Home Improvement Building is for sale again through Hansen's Auction & Realty. Mike Olson accounting in Beloit has been sold to Robert and Vanette Davis. Heather indicated the Olson building is for sale currently as well.

Heather reported a Strategic Doing meeting was held recently at NCRPC. Individuals from all over Mitchell County were in attendance. It is hoped multiple projects will be developed.

Solomon Valley Community Foundation has hired Vanessa Martin to help for 20-30 hours per week. On another note, the Solomon Valley Community Foundation applications for the next round of grants are due on February 1, 2018. The AED's devices that were purchased with private donations and monies from the SVCF are in are currently being distributed.

Heather has been in contact with the Area Agency on Aging on helping find solutions for elderly who need someone to shop for them or run errands. There is currently Solomon Valley Transportation to take individuals shopping and another delivery service who will do errands and shopping. Ray's Apple Market will shop for individuals, but someone must come pickup the groceries for delivery. Jay Rowh, also, has been assisting with finding a solution.

Heather and Jason Rabe recently were speakers to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at BES and talked about how to build a city. They asked what they would like to see new in their city and received many varied answers.

Heather informed the group about a couple new businesses in the area. Brian Ring has expanded his Ring Auditing and Accounting business to an office in the Galaxy Plaza, 1104 North Independence, Beloit, Kansas, located south of the Solomon Valley Cinema. His phone number is 877-897-4374. Chris and Chandra Wagner have started a new business, Riverside Renovations. They offer home renovations, painting, staging for homes for sale and interior decorating. They can be reached at 785-738-8960.

Neighborhood Revitalization was discussed. Since 2006 there have been 325 projects completed. Total NHR and other capital projects to date are \$97,219,300 in 11½ years.

John Cashatt was thanked for assisting Heather identify properties in the county as to the type of property for the signage project. This project, with permission from the owner, will allow a sign to be posted either for rent or for sale and to contact Heather if interested in the property. This is to assist possible new businesses or relocation of businesses

**TOURISM:** Kent Miller informed the group that several tourism members are working with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks regarding developing an education center and revamping the Waconda Springs at the Glen Elder State Park. Lucille Heller has been working with Tyson Seier on the Ringneck Ranch Archery Tournament to be held there in May.

**CHAUTAUQUA ISLE OF LIGHTS:** Bob Severance reported to the members on the Chautauqua Isle of Lights stats for 2017. It was the biggest year so far. 13,952 visitors for 2017 with 1056 being from out of state. Michele Heidrick has now been elected the President. Bob informed the group that there were many new displays this year. He wanted to thank the volunteers for hosting. The CIOL was open every night this season. There was no damage to displays except for a few deer running through. KSN and Stephanie Bergmann did a remote broadcast from the CIOL this year. The following night they had visitors from Wichita and Newton who came just to see the lights. Bob informed the group that on March 21<sup>st</sup> David Scott from Tonkawa, OK will be at the Beloit Municipal Building with displays for sale as well as requests to design special made light displays for individuals. The CIOL members are now replacing old displays with new LED lights. He mentioned that the old Christmas card displays were not used this year as they are getting old and often blew over with high winds causing damage. Bob stated this all started with J. David Davis, then City Manager, David Haskins, Charles Reid and himself original members who went to Oklahoma and purchased some of original displays. Grant reports are due February 1, 2018.

**SOLOMON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:** Curt Frasier reported that Heather Hartman has taken care of the mapping to be done for the Dane G. Hansen impact of projects. It is planned to have a meeting for recipients to report on their project successes.

**LEADERSHIP MITCHELL COUNTY:** Curt Frasier reported that the LMC group met for the January session on Education and Healthcare. Next will be in the two-day Manhattan/Topeka Session.

**STRATEGIC DOING:** The next Strategic Doing meeting will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at NCK Tech College. All interested parties please plan to attend.

**CITY OF BELOIT:** Jason Rabe reported the City of Beloit new website will be coming soon. This should be ready in about 3 weeks. The new site will include access to apply for permits, sign ups for activities sponsored by the City, rental of City facilities and a few other amenities.

**CITY OF GLEN ELDER:** Ryan Duskie reported city workers are remodeling the Glen Eder City Office and installing a larger door to accommodate patrons.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Gina Brockelman reported the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held on February 3, 2018. The theme will be "Are you ready for some football?" Football related attire is encouraged. Gina reported that David Neubert's band Prairie Connection will perform from 6-8.

**OTHER:** David Neubert reported that the art center is having an Infants to Preschool Toddlers program being facilitated by Debra Rundus of Belleville. This is held on Wednesday's and is a once a week program.

Lydia Housh informed the group that they have opened Big Bad Gun & Pawn within Becker Autos & Trailers. They offer coins and guns for sale and pawn.

***The next regular monthly meeting will be held on February 15, 2018 at the North Central Regional Planning Commission Basement Meeting Room, 109 North Mill, Beloit, Kansas at 12:30 p.m. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the regular meeting was adjourned.***

Diana Marcotte, Reporting

**SVED Monthly Meeting**  
**Invitation from Solomon Valley Economic Development for a Business Expo March 15th**  
**March 15, 2018**

Dear Members:

As you will recall we are not having a regular meeting this month. Please find below information on the trip planned for Thursday in place of having a meeting. Please contact Heather if you are interested in going. Should be a good expo to attend.

Thanks  
Diana for  
Curt Frasier

**From:** Heather Hartman <[hhartman@beloitks.org](mailto:hhartman@beloitks.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 5, 2018 10:46 AM  
**To:** Heather Hartman <[hhartman@beloitks.org](mailto:hhartman@beloitks.org)>  
**Subject:** Invitation from Solomon Valley Economic Development for a Business Expo March 15th

Happy windy Monday morning,

One of our neighbors, Clay Center Economic Development, is hosting a Business Development Expo on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at the First Baptist Church, 902 Fifth Street in Clay Center from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Join us to visit exhibitor booths where you will be able to discover opportunities and services provided by federal, state and local business development agencies. The event is free to anyone who is interested in starting, growing, or transitioning any type of business. Just a few of the participating agencies:

- Kansas and US Department of Ag
- From the Land of Kansas
- Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
- Kansas Global Trade
- Mid-America Manufacturing Technology Center
- Small Business Development
- Kansas Department of Commerce
- Food Science Institute
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- So many more ....

See attached or <http://rossini.us/claycountyeconomicdevelopment.com/business-development-expo.html> for more info.

Solomon Valley Economic Development would like to support our neighbor by attending the Business Expo. We would like to arrange car pool and have a brown bag lunch ready to eat on the drive over to Clay Center. We would leave here at 11:30am and plan on being back by no later than 3:30pm. If you would like to car pool with us please **RSVP** to me by Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and we will have vehicles and lunch ready.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

**Heather Hartman**

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**May 17, 2018**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of SVED was held at 12:30 o'clock p.m., at the North Central Regional Planning Commission Meeting Room, Basement Meeting Room, Beloit, Kansas for the regular monthly meeting on May 17, 2018. Members and guests attending were, to-wit:

Board, Gaylene Sorell, Brent Cunningham, Robert Lampert, Jim Gates, Lydia Housh and Julia Rabe.

Members & Guests: Doug McKinney, Jason Rabe, Brandi Zimmer and David Neubert .

Officers Present: Curt Frasier, Robert Davis and Mike Thompson.

Officers Absent: None.

Board Members Absent:, Tom Claussen, Larry White, Kent Miller, Gene Pestinger, Harry McGrath and Ryan Duskie.

Curt Frasier welcomed Julia Rabe, the new Chamber of Commerce Director to the meeting and position. She is filling Gina Brockelman's position.

Minutes of April 5, 2018 were approved by mail and email.

Curt Frasier reported on the Clay Center trip to the Business Development Expo held on March 15, 2018. Several of the SVED members attended this Expo and learned of many opportunities available for individuals interested in starting a new business. It was a good networking event.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report was given by Robert Davis as follows:

Account balances as of 4-30-2018

Guaranty State Bank Checking	4,913.05
Guaranty State Bank Savings	35,661.41
Farmway Credit Union Savings	<u>9,783.48</u>
Total Liquid	\$50,357.94
Guaranty State	25,725.96
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank	26,337.16
Farmway Credit Union	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total CD's	\$77,063.12
 TOTAL FUNDS:	 \$127,421.06

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT:**

In the absence of Heather Hartman, Curt Frasier gave her report to the members.

There are two housing programs available in the county this year. One program is a home ownership program which helps with down payment assistance. This program includes Mitchell and Cloud Counties. This program is facilitated by Deb Peters at NCRPC with funding assistance from the Dane Hansen Foundation. A second program available for only the City of Beloit area is a Federal Home Loan program. This program helps with down payment assistance for individuals building new homes. This is a \$10,000 grant program. The housing assessment tool is currently begin updated from 5 years ago. This information is often used for the grant process in our area. The second is being offered by the City of Beloit in conjunction with the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation. This is a Single Family New Construction Program, down payment assistance grant. Total grant amount may not exceed \$25,000. There are \$150,000 available funds for this program. The assistance amount is based on the builder's final sale price. Inquires as to if you qualify, please call the City Office at 738-3551.

Dollar General is now for sale or rent. The building has been sold to another investment company and there are interested in renting or selling the property. They are working with a local realtor to help the process.

Heather recently attended the Northwest Kansas Economic Innovative Center with Economic Development Directors and the Dane Hansen Foundation Trustees last month. Some of the topics covered were: Need for skilled labor, housing, Marketing, student education/attraction, entrepreneurship training, need infrastructure help, welcoming newcomers to the area, daycare, access to high tech jobs, agricultural programs and health initiatives.

Summer Leadership Academy will be held for the second year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Career Exploration and Leadership Academy. Students learn about careers within our community, guest speakers, field trips and many hands-on activities. Cost for each student is \$20 for three weeks or \$10 per week which includes lunch and a t-shirt. They have several businesses they plan on visiting with the students.

New Media Marketing - there will be an expert here on June 26<sup>th</sup> to provide a half day training for individuals interested in improving their businesses. This training will include business goals and marketing strategy, performing a content self-audit, key performance indicators and social media analytics, create a content calendar and posting strategy and social media content creation.

NCK Tech is offering Dane G. Hansen Career Enhancement Scholarships. These scholarships are based on financial need, must be 24 years of age or older, must live within the 26 county Hansen Foundation service area, have desire to work or start a business in the Hansen service area following graduation, and agree to take personal finance course which costs are covered by the program. To complete an application, applications can be found at [www.ncktc.edu/hansen-career-enhancement-scholarship](http://www.ncktc.edu/hansen-career-enhancement-scholarship)

Curt Frasier reviewed with the group about the purchase of a new Surface Pro Computer for Heather and the Community Development Office. She could use these for meetings she attends and, in the office, as well. Brent Cunningham made a motion to have Heather order the computer with a budget of \$1200. Jim Gates seconded the motion.

**TOURISM:** In the absence of Lucille Heller and Kent Miler no report was offered on tourism.

**SOLOMON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:** Curt Frasier reported that Dane G. Hansen Foundation is currently helping providing funds for an assistant, by it match dollar of the yearly match month funding. Board members are planning on soliciting for more match funds to be used in the next round of funds available from Dane G. Hansen Foundation. Dane G. Hansen Foundation is providing a grant this year for trash receptacles to be placed in downtown areas of surrounding towns. A fall cleanup is also planned for this fall, possibly in September.

**LEADERSHIP MITCHELL COUNTY:** Curt Frasier reported that the application deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>. In July the class will be selected and in August the class starts. Class members may be from Jewell, Mitchell and Osborne Counties.

**STRATEGIC DOING** – Curt Frasier informed the group that the SVCF plans on developing Strategic Doing every two-three years in the future.

**CITY OF BELOIT:** Jason Rabe gave updates on the City of Beloit. City crews have been cleaning up/getting ready for Memorial Day, Little Red School House project, big drainage project by the Power Plant, and 12<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk program preparation. Jason stated the issues at the airport have been resolved. In 2019, the sidewalk project from the elementary school to the high school will take place under the safe route to school program. Jason discussed the water issues the City of Beloit is facing and options available. Decisions will soon be made on what option will be taken. Jason informed the group that two railroad crossings will be fixed this summer in Beloit.

**NCRPC:** Doug McKinney reported that NCRPC has home buying programs that are going well. These are available for Cloud and Mitchell Counties. Hoisington and Ellsworth are doing some of the same programs that are in part sponsored by Dane G. Hansen. These housing programs are for moderate incomes owners.

Doug McKinney spoke about strategic doing by some area counties. They are developing videos directed to alumni. This is a mass marketing plan to encourage others to come back to the area to live. Sponsored by Dane G. Hansen Foundation. Workforce shortage is the main reason for the plan.

**NCK TECH:** Brandi Zimmer stated the NCK Tech House will be auctioned this evening at 7p.m. Graduation was last Friday evening. Brandi spoke briefly about the scholarship available through Dane G. Hansen for older students mentioned in Heather's report.

**OTHER:** David Neubert informed the group that he is installing new equipment at the Laundry Basket.

The next meeting will be held on June 21, 2018 at NCRPC 109 North Mill, Beloit, KS 67420 at 12:30 o'clock p.m. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the regular meeting was adjourned.

Diana Marcotte, Reporting

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Solomon Valley Economic Development, Inc. (SVED)**

**June 21, 2018**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of SVED was held at 12:30 o'clock p.m., at the North Central Regional Planning Commission Meeting Room, Basement Meeting Room, Beloit, Kansas for the regular monthly meeting on July 21, 2018. Members and guests attending were, to-wit:

Board, Kent Miller, Ryan Duskie and Lydia Housh.

Members & Guests: Doug McKinney, Jason Rabe, Heather Hartman, James Lambert Terry Bailey, Holly Campbell and Bob Severance.

Officers Present, Mike Thompson.

Officers Absent: None. Curt Frasier and Robert Davis.

Board Members Absent:, Tom Claussen, Larry White, Gene Pestinger, Harry McGrath, Gaylene Sorell, Brent Cunningham, Robert Lampert, Jim Gates and Julia Rabe.

Minutes of May 17, 2018 were approved by mail and email.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report prepared by Robert Davis was follows:

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1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank	26,348.61
Farmway Credit Union	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total CD's	\$77,074.57
<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$127,462.91</b>

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:** The Surface Pro computer previously approved by the board for \$1,200.00 on May 17, 2018 was discussed. The total amount due for the computer with some installation costs and program was \$1,383.97. A motion was made by Kent Miller to approve the additional funds needed to pay Lock-it Technologies, LLC in full. Ryan Duskie seconded the motion and motion carried.

**HOLLY CAMPBELL – KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:** Holly Campbell from the Kansas Department of Commerce, Great Lakes Region was introduced as a new representative for our region. She is based out of Chicago and her position involves recruiting businesses to come to Kansas. She tries to match businesses from the Great Lakes Region that could benefit from opening new facilities in Kansas. She has been traveling the state meeting economic development directors, etc. She stated that she is finding that Kansans are more in need of smaller businesses rather than large in the rural areas; possibly bigger businesses in the larger cities.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT:** Heather Hartman gave her monthly report.

Heather informed the group of the upcoming events planned for September in Beloit. Julia Rabe of the Chamber and Beloit Truck and Auto are planning Millapalooza Car show and other events on September 8<sup>th</sup>. This event will also include a 15-mile Bike Race, food vendors, art and wine walk, (sponsored by Schnell and Pestinger and Kettle), beer garden and street dance. Katrina Wilson will be offering street chalk art for the children. There will trophies presented to the car show and goodie bags to the early entries to the show.

There are two housing programs available in the county this year. One program is a home ownership program which helps with down payment assistance. This program includes Mitchell and Cloud Counties. This program is facilitated by Deb Peters at NCRPC with funding assistance from the Dane Hansen Foundation. A second program available for only the City of Beloit area is a Federal Home Loan program. This program helps with down payment assistance for individuals building new homes. This is a \$10,000 grant program. The housing assessment tool is currently begin updated from 5 years ago. This information is often used for the grant



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Heather informed the group that Memorial Day and the 8-Man Football weekends went well for the Chamber and the area businesses.

Heather and Jason Rabe are attending an event sponsored by USDA Rural Development regarding funding agencies via internet/zoom in Topeka. Heather reported that Dr. Carol Boyer from KSU will be offering a New Media Marketing Workshop regarding social media if your current social media is reaching customers. This workshop will be held on June 10, 2018. She will be in Beloit and the cost will be \$20 per participant. Participants are encouraged to bring their iPad and computers for help to create / make changes on their social media sites. To register call Post Rock Extension District Office by July 6<sup>th</sup> at 738-3597.

Heather reported on possibly making table toppers for area businesses that shows area events going on with the Chamber, Tourism, etc. This would be done maybe quarterly.

Heather reported Emily Benedick of NCRPC has been helping conduct a Community Food Survey for our county and surrounding counties. They have paper surveys that can be filled out or you can search for North Central Kansas Food Council on Facebook or email them at [nckfc@nckcn.com](mailto:nckfc@nckcn.com) to fill out a survey.

Heather spoke about the Rural Opportunity Zone student loan repayment program. Currently 98 have applied, 59 approved, 6 completed, 6 currently receiving funds, 13 employers sponsored and 34 on the waiting list.

**SOLOMON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:** Heather Hartman Reported the next application deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>. The application can be found online.

**STRATEGIC DOING:** Heather Hartman reported that if anyone has a project they would like help on in achieving funds, Betty Johnson has been retained by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation to help on planning projects for consideration.

**TOURISM:** Kent Miller reported on the upcoming Ribbon Cutting for the Waconda Visitor & Education Center on June 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. Location is at the northeast corner of Glen Elder State Park. Visit [www.visitmcks.com](http://www.visitmcks.com) for more information. It is planned that the education center will be manned fulltime for the summer months.

Bob Severance reported they are working on rearranging the layout displays for next season. Some of the arched displays will be put in another area not all placed over the road as in the past. Working on adding to the Wizard of Oz themed displays. The Tin Man will be new this year. They will have a new arch display of a football player kicking a football.

**CITY OF BELOIT:** Jason Rabe gave updates on the City of Beloit. Jason has been working on water issues. A representative from the KRWD will be working with the city on obtaining grants to help with possible funding of the upcoming project next week.

**NCRPC:** Doug McKinney reported that NCRPC has home buying programs that are going well. There have been 18 or 19 applicants.

**OTHER:** Bob Severance reminded the members of the upcoming Leadership Mitchell County Community Service Award for Jay Rowh on July 28, 2018 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at the NCK Tech College Conference Room. Tickets are available at area banks and Frasier, Johnson & Martin for \$20.00 per person. Reservations due by July 20<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting will be held on July 19, 2018 at NCRPC 109 North Mill, Beloit, KS 67420 at 12:30 o'clock p.m. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the regular meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Diana Marcotte, Reporting

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Directors  
Solomon Valley Economic Development, Inc. (SVED)  
August 9, 2018**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of SVED was held at 12:30 o'clock p.m., at the North Central Regional Planning Commission Meeting Room, Basement Meeting Room, Beloit, Kansas for the regular monthly meeting on August 9, 2018. Members and guests attending were, to-wit:

Board, Kent Miller, Lydia Housh. Tom Claussen, Larry White, Harry McGrath and Robert Lampert.

Members & Guests: Lucille Heller, Terry Bailey, John Cashatt, David Neubert, Doug McKinney, Jason Rabe and Heather Hartman.

Officers Present, Mike Thompson, Curt Frasier & Robert Davis.

Officers Absent: None.

Board Members Absent:, Ryan Duskie, Gene Pestinger, Gaylene Sorell, Brent Cunningham and Julia Rabe.

Minutes of June 21, 2018 were approved by mail and email.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**: The Treasurer's report prepared by Robert Davis.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**: Heather Hartman gave her monthly report.

Heather reported on the housing program available in the county this year. This program is a home ownership program which helps with down payment assistance. This program includes Mitchell and Cloud Counties. This program is facilitated by Deb Peters at NCRPC with funding assistance from the Dane Hansen Foundation. This program has now closed and 11 applicants in Mitchell County and 8 in the City of Beloit have been approved. The grant monies have been all expended at this time and this program will open again in January. A second program available for only the City of Beloit area is a Federal Home Loan program. This program helps with down payment assistance for individuals building new homes. This is a \$10,000 grant program. Heather stated there will be another Rehab and Demo program that the City of Beloit will apply for again. The assessment tool for the area is needed to be updated before applying for the Rehab and Demo grant. The City of Beloit is having a public hearing on August 14<sup>th</sup> regarding applying for another \$300,000 CDBC grant for 10 rehab and 2 demos.

Heather reported about a recent new media marketing seminar was offered locally through KSU. There were 30 attendees. All was well received. The attendees received training in Facebook, media programs, marketing, ecommerce. It is planned to do this again sometime in the future and possibly ask for some grant funding for the seminars. The cost this year was \$20.00 per attendee.

NCRPC Intern Food Assessment results are in and Heather gave stats to the members.

Heather informed the group of a Rural and Remotes program which creates remote job opportunities online to individuals. This online program trains the individual either with a 12 month or 9 month program and then the participant can get a job as a Jr. developer. This is in conjunction with the Dane Hansen Foundation.

Heather reported on the Dane Hansen Community Intern Initiative program for college age students to live in a community and work on a project. A couple students originally from Beloit participated in this program this past summer. They are paid by the Dane Hansen Foundation. The community they work in provide the housing. Noah Marozas worked in Republic County and Bethany Pingel worked in Lincoln County. Bethany worked with another student and they helped with downtown improvements in Lincoln and Sylvan Grove. Communities have to sign up for this by October for the next summer.

The Kansas Sampler award was recently awarded to Kettle in Beloit. B and Mandy Fincham received a surprise visit from Marcie Penner and a flash mob. They were awarded a WeKan award giving Beloit a cool factor. Many Beloit residents were in attendance for the surprise award.

**TOURISM:** Lucille Heller and Kent Miller reported on the Sampler Foundation which was started by Marcie Penner and her father. September 9<sup>th</sup> Lucille will be at the State Fair booth on behalf of our local tourism group. Tourism is currently working on the area major attractions. Waconda is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest lake in Kansas. Lucille gave the members bookmarks that depict the history of Waconda Springs. The Visitor Center is open until August 17<sup>th</sup> from 8-4 daily. Lucille reported an event to be held this weekend a Sunset at Waconda event will be held August 18<sup>th</sup> at the new visitor's center from 7-9.

**SOLOMON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:** Heather Hartman Reported the next strategic doing webinar will be held on August 14, 2018 at 7 p.m.

**CITY OF BELOIT:** Jason Rabe gave updates on the City of Beloit. Jason has been working on the water issues. A representative from the KRWD will be working with the city on obtaining grants to help with possible funding of the upcoming project next week. The city is now in compliance at the water plant. Sidewalk project are going well. Next sidewalks will be from BES to BHS. Signage needs are to be addressed. It is hoped that Interns will give ideas as to how to improve landscaping around sidewalk areas.

**COUNTY:** Tom Claussen reported gutters and down spouts are being replaced on the courthouse. The Causeway south of Cawker City, guardrails, turn outs, wider and safer, steel posts instead of wood, a one mile project are complete. The county has applied for another two miles to be repaired in the same area. This is an 80/20 match program.

Tom reported the Mitchell County Health Department can order the shingle vaccine for individuals 50 and over. Most health insurance covers this cost. Contact the health department if you would like to have them order you a vaccine.

**OTHER:** Robert Davis asked the board if they would approve a \$200 donation to the KARL Program. Mike Thompson made a motion to approve the donation with Kent Miller seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Curt Frasier informed the group that CPC of Beloit is now known as Nutrien Ag Solutions.

David Neubert informed the group that his laundromat known as the Laundry Basket just got all new equipment and his business has doubled since advertising on google, yelp and a yellow page ad.

Lydia Housh invited the members to their 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration to be held on September 15<sup>th</sup>. They will have a celebration with prizes and a band, DJ Bridwell in their new building.

The next meeting will be held on September 20, 2018 at the Porter House Basement Meeting Room, 209 East Main, Beloit, KS at 12:30 o'clock p.m. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the regular meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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Members & Guests: Terry Bailey, Kevin Mickey, Jim Gates, Doug McKinney, Jason Rabe and Heather Hartman.  
Officers Present: Mike Thompson, Curt Frasier & Robert Davis.

Officers Absent: None.

Board Members Absent: Larry White, Harry McGrath, Gaylene Sorell, Brent Cunningham Minutes of June 21, 2018 were approved by mail and email.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report prepared by Robert Davis was given to the members.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT:** Heather Hartman gave her monthly report.

Heather reported that the KARL program will be hosting a quarterly board meeting at the NCK Tech on January 30, 2019 from 10-2. Brian Eilert and Ross Weber are in the class this year from our area.

Heather spoke to the group about applying for a summer intern in conjunction with the City of Beloit, Community Development and Chamber of Commerce. This grant is through the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. The cost to our entities would be supplying the costs for housing and the Dane G. Hansen Foundation would pay the salary for the intern(s). Heather stated some possibilities this intern(s) could provide the area help with signage, log, branding, marketing throughout the county. We apply for the program and Dane Hansen Foundation find the students. Students then in turn apply and we pick the students. These students are junior and seniors in college. The intern would then give a presentation on his or her recommendations. It was agreed SVED would pay \$1500 towards the housing costs if the grant was approved with Bob Lampert making the motion and Brent Cunningham to approve said motion.

Heather informed the group that KSU Landscape Architecture Students were in town to with the assistance of Jesse and Emily Benedick. These students are in a master level program at KSU. They were here to survey the downtown area and develop ideas for improvement. They will be reporting back. Some of their ideas were developing pocket parks, sporting goods and kayak rentals. They will be back on November 14<sup>th</sup> for a presentation of ideas.

Heather reported another new marketing seminar is planned again for social media class for individuals and businesses to learn about Facebook, Google, etc. This will be for 30 people and sponsored through a grant and facilitated by KSU Extension.

Solomon Valley Community Foundation match month is November. Donations are accepted to match the Dane G. Hansen Foundation funds for future projects.

Heather reported on the Rural Opportunity Zone Program. Currently there are 8 individuals on the program with 6 graduated through the program and 13 on employer sponsored.

Heather reported on the rehab and demo program is being applied for again this year. The target area named in the grant will be the Westside Park area.

**TOURISM:** Kent Miller reported on working on some new signage for the area, but this is pending on the possibility of help from the intern program if approved. Russell County is forming a Post Rock Tourism Council. Lucille helped with Millapalooza recently.

**LEADERSHIP MITCHELL COUNTY:** Leadership Mitchell County Class 19 has recently had their Ringneck Ranch Session.

**LOTS IN ZIMMER ADDITION:** Curt Frasier reported SVED has been contacted that the lots that SVED owns needs mowed and trees cleared again. It was approved for Scott Hartman to do this again. Kent Miller made the motion and Ryan Duskie made the motion to approve.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Julia Rabe spoke about the recent Millapalooza Car Show, Art and Wine Walk, Street Dance. There were 90 cars registered and 130 participated in the Art and Wine Walk. Next years event will be held on September 7, 2019. They received a \$500 grant for signage and 40 people volunteered to help with the event.

Julia reported Farmway Credit Union will host a Chamber Coffee on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**CITY OF BELOIT:** Jason Rabe gave updates on the City of Beloit. Jason assisted with the KSU Architecture students when they were in town. One suggestion they had was to fix or modernize the sports complex area to attract tourism. The Beloitks.org website has been updated to include a GIS search which has lots of data for public use. Jason has been working on the water issues currently applying for new projects. Jason spoke about CBDG grant is hopeful for a moderate housing project on the North campus closing soon.

**COUNTY:** Tom Claussen reported the causeway project south of Cawker City is completed. Tom reported that Saline County Jail is which is often overcrowded, and Mitchell County has been hosting many of their prisoners helping keep costs down at our jail by having it occupied.

**OTHER:** Robert Davis asked the board if they would approve a \$200 donation to the KARL Program. Mike Thompson made a motion to approve the donation with Kent Miller seconding the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on October 18, 2018 at the Porter House Basement Meeting Room, 209 East Main, Beloit, KS at 12:30 o'clock p.m. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the regular meeting was adjourned.

Diana Marcotte, Reporting

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Directors  
Solomon Valley Economic Development, Inc. (SVED)**

**October 18, 2018**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of SVED was held at 12:30 o'clock p.m., at the Porter House Apartment, Basement Meeting Room, Beloit, Kansas for the regular monthly meeting on October 18, 2018. Members and guests attending were, to-wit:

Board: Larry White, Ryan Duskie, Kent Miller, Julia Rabe, Robert Lampert

Members & Guests: Jason Rabe, Heather Hartman, Kevin Mickey, Jim Gates

Officers Present: Robert Davis.

Officers Absent: Mike Thompson, Curtis Frasier

Board Members Absent:, Harry McGrath, Gaylene Sorell, Brent Cunningham, Harry McGrath

Minutes of September 20th, 2018 were approved by mail and email.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report prepared by Robert Davis was given to the members. Robert reported about the dues that have been thus far. The motion was made by Robert Lampert to approve the treasurer's report and the minutes. Larry White seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT:** Heather Hartman gave her monthly report.

Heather attended the Economic Development Roundtable with Kansas Department of Commerce in Quinter this month. One of the highlights was talking about the GROW Initiative by the Department of Agriculture. This is a matching program where communities fill out a recruitment brochure and that is "matched" with potential new initiatives being fulfilled by the Department of Commerce. Heather also handed out the Kansas Department of Commerce new magazine. Heather once again spoke of the NWKEICI 2 new projects: Rural and Remote and the JR Full Stack Developer.

Heather reported on the Intern Proposal. SVED had pledged \$1,500 for housing. Mitchell County Tourism and Beloit Area Chamber of Commerce have also each pledged \$500 towards the application. Heather will complete the application and turn it in by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

There was a Focus Group for Food Council with NCRPC and the group focused on Mitchell County Data. Heather also handed out invitations for the NCRPC Annual Meeting.

Heather attended the Kansas Association of Community Foundations Conference this year. There were many sessions on rural communities and also on economic development. The conversations on changing the rural narrative sparked a lively discussion with the SVED members. How do we know if newcomers move to town? What has happened to the Welcome Wagon and how to we replicate that?

Why do people move to rural areas? Simpler pace of life. Safety and security. Low housing cost. NOT in the top 3, a job! Who moves to rural areas? 36% have lived there before. 69% have bachelors. 67% have incomes over \$50K. 51% have children. Are we thriving? If we stay the same we will get smaller, older and poorer!

Match Month in November will kick off with a Chamber After Hours on November 1<sup>st</sup> 5pm-7pm at The Porter House.

**TOURISM:** Kent Miller reported on the Tourism committee. On Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, Legend of the Ghost Train at Granite Creek will happen at Kansa Park at Waconda Lake. There will be hayrack rides, fire rings, smores, and more. You will need a park pass to get to the Visitor's Center.

**LEADERSHIP MITCHELL COUNTY:** Class has had 2 sessions at Ringneck Ranch and then Ellsworth prison and Lincoln. LMC Alumni Committee will host the Fireside Chat October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Kettle with Susan Concannon and Elaine Bowers.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Julia Rabe spoke about attending the Chamber Roundtable in Ellsworth hosted by the Kansas Department of Commerce representatives, James Foster and Dan Steffan. Julia said it was a great opportunity to hear what other Chambers are doing and what is successful. Kansas Department of Commerce representatives also talked about what is coming from Topeka. Heather Hartman and Julia Rabe have offered to HOST the next roundtables for Economic Development and Chamber of Commerce. Kansas DoC has agreed to combine the two roundtables and we will host them after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in Beloit. There was discussion among SVED members about sponsoring the lunch. Julia and Heather will visit more with Kansas Department of Commerce and bring ideas back to SVED.

Julia also spoke about the Christmas promotion “Jingle All the Way”. The Chamber will be running promotions all the way through the season to promote commerce. Jingle all the Way will be giving away \$3,000 in Chamber Bucks throughout the season. To be entered in the drawing you just have to shop local for your goods and services! Every Monday in December the Chamber will have a drawing for \$500. There will also be a window decorating contest, a kid’s day (Jingle Around Town), and a late-night shopping on December 13th (Jingle, Mingle and Shop).

**CITY OF BELOIT:** Jason Rabe gave updates on the City of Beloit. There are a lot of things in process. The Water Plant application has been sent in to the State.

We are going through an airport planning process. 90% is being paid for from FAA. Keep our airport up to date and that keeps us viable for the FAA funds.

Jason has wrote a sternly worded letter to Kyle Railroad. December 2016 was the first phone call Jason made to Kyle. There is a new regional representative so hopefully there will be some progress.

**NOMINTING COMMITEEE:** Kent Miller reported on the nominating committee for the SVED Board and Officers. These are the names to be placed before the board for consideration during the annual meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Harry McGrath, Gene Pestinger, and Mark Palen. Also, the following are officer positions: Curt Frasier – President, Mike Thompson – Vice President, Robert Davis – Treasurer. Tom Claussen – County Representative, Ryan Duskie – Municipal Representative and Julia Rabe – Beloit Area Chamber of Commerce Representative.

**OTHER:** Robert Davis asked the board if they would approve a \$225 payment to Weebly and GoDaddy for the website domain and hosting 2-year fees. Robert Lampert made the motion, Larry White seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2018 at the North Central Regional Planning Commission at 12:30 o’clock p.m. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the regular meeting was adjourned.

Heather Hartman, Reporting

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Directors  
Solomon Valley Economic Development, Inc. (SVED)  
December 20, 2018**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of SVED was held at 12:30 o'clock p.m., at the North Central Regional Planning Commission Meeting Room, Basement Meeting Room, Beloit, Kansas for the regular monthly meeting on December 20, 2018. Members and guests attending were, to-wit:

Board: Julia Rabe, Mark Palen, Tom Claussen, Robert Lampert, Jim Gates, Brent Cunningham and Gene Pestinger.

Members & Guests: Jason Rabe, Terry Bailey, Doug McKinney, Kent Miller, Lucille Heller, John Cashatt, David Neubert and Heather Hartman.

Officers Present: Curt Frasier, Mike Thompson and Robert Davis.

Officers Absent: None

Board Members Absent: Larry White, Gaylene Sorell, Lydia Housh, Ryan Duskie and Harry McGrath.

Minutes of November 15, 2018 were approved by mail and email.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report prepared by Robert Davis was given.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT:** Heather Hartman gave her monthly report.

Heather spoke to the group about the summer interns in conjunction with the City of Beloit, Community Development and Chamber of Commerce. Our group has been approved for an intern. This grant is through the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. There are 21 positions available. These positions can be applied through KSU through the end of January for a junior or senior in a Kansas college. The pay is \$21 per hour. Housing is paid for the interns as well.

Heather reported the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development will host a Department Commerce Economic Regional meeting at the NCK Tech in January – February this year.

Heather informed the members that KARL Applications for the next year are due April 15<sup>th</sup>. It is a two year program. Tuition cost are about \$2500 per year.

Heather recently attended the Next Generation Career Day in Hays. This was sponsored by Nextech at FHSU. Area high schools were invited. This included Business, Tech, medical areas. Around 600 students participated. Heather would like to see some of our area high schools attend in the future. She mentioned it may be something MCHHS and or NCK Tech could do a similar career day.

Chautauqua Isle of Lights was Heather's next report as she had recently worked the CIOL. She stated they had 173 people that evening including a limo who brought individuals from Concordia. She stated many had supper at one of our local restaurants while in town.

Heather discussed with the group the recent closing of James Clothing. She reminded members to shop local as this business was not sold but just closed.

Heather reported another new marketing seminar is planned again for social media class for individuals and businesses to learn about Facebook, Google, etc. This will be for 30 people and sponsored through a grant and facilitated by KSU Extension.

**TOURISM:** Lucille Heller reported that she is now vice chair of the NCK Tourism group. She shared that in 2020 the Chisholm Trail is 150 years old and so is Mitchell County. She has been working with Kyle Peterson applying for a grant for the Waconda Cultural Association to fix the Waconda Springs pool and information cards about the springs through Dane G. Hansen. It is hoped to have this open by Memorial Weekend. Lucille



mentioned the Highway 24 Anthology keeps our events listed this year. The tourism website lists the Little Red School House and Waconda visitors Education Building hours and events. Chautauqua Isle of Lights is also listed. Lucille has been helping with opening times for the Little Red School House. She recently attended a state tourism meeting in Junction City and felt it was good she attended.

**SOLOMON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:** Curt Frasier informed the members that the \$50,000 goal was met for November which allows a match of \$75,000 from Dane G. Hansen. Next grant applications are open until February 1, 2019

**LEADERSHIP MITCHELL COUNTY:** Leadership Mitchell County Class 19 will have their Health and Education session in January. No session in December.

**NCRPC:** Doug McKinney informed the group of an upcoming conference in regard to rural innovators to be held on December 28<sup>th</sup> in Manhattan.

**COUNTY:** Tom Claussen reported recent weather was hard on signs and roads. He shared that an ambulance runs can be assisted by a motor grader when weather is an issue.

**OTHER:** Mark Palen was introduced as a new board member.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Julia Rabe spoke about the recent Mingle and Jingle Promotion. The Thursday evening event went well with 70 people turning in Bingo cards. The window decorating contest had three winners and the final drawing will be 9 a.m. Friday for the final Chamber of Commerce promotion. Julia reported the Chamber of Commerce is taking over the Waconda Fireworks this year. New Chamber members are Danielle Jearde, Gretchen Staples, Jim Johnson and Terri Dunstan. February 9<sup>th</sup> will be the Chamber Banquet this year at the Down Under. Mike Thompson commended Julia for her doing such a good job on her newsletter.

**CITY OF BELOIT:** Jason Rabe gave updates on the City of Beloit. He reported there is a committee updating a plan for the airport. This is a 20-40 year plan and recognizes the impact of the airport on the area. Jason informed the group about the water treatment plant plan. This should be approved in January 2019. Once this plan is approved funding for the plan will be addressed. Spring planning is in progress for repairing street from Mill to the Power Plant, Ace Hardware on Court Street. He reported West Main and North Walnut are also in need of repairs.

The next meeting will be held on January 17, 2019 at the North Central Regional Planning Commission Basement Meeting Room, 109 North Mill, Beloit, KS at 1:20 o'clock p.m. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the regular meeting was adjourned.

Diana Marcotte, Reporting