



# SIREPA

## SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL ECONOMIC & PORT AUTHORITY

Minutes of the SIREPA Board of Directors  
Thursday, September 24, 2020  
Via Zoom or in Person at SEIRPC Offices  
211 N Gear Avenue, West Burlington, IA

### I. Call to Order at 10:00 a.m. by Denise Boyer

#### Roll Call:

Members Present via Zoom: Director Denise Boyer (*Chair*); Director Mike Hickey (*Vice Chair*); Director Michael Dunn (*Treasurer*); Director Jack Smith; Director Bob Dodds; Director Bruce Hardy; Gary Folluo (*Ex-Officio*) in person; Rick Larkin (*Ex-Officio*); Matt Larson, Iowa Treasurer's Office (*Ex-Officio*)

#### Members Absent:

SEIRPC Staff Present: Mike Norris and Sherri Jones; Zach James via Zoom

Guest(s) Present: Dennis Fraise (Lee County Economic Development Group); Charles Bell (MAPC) and Nancy Snaadt (Alliant Energy) via Zoom

### II. Consider Approval of Agenda (Board Action):

Dunn made a motion to approve the September 24, 2020 meeting agenda, second by Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

### III. Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes (Board Action):

Dunn made a motion to approve the January 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes, second by Dodds. All ayes, motion carried.

### IV. Port Statistical Areas Update (Board Information):

Norris briefly went over his memo noting that SEIRPC will host a meeting on January 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the SEIRPC offices, as an informational gathering to learn more about Port Statistical Areas (PSA) and their usefulness. He said the Lee County Board of Supervisors are looking to SIREPA for a recommendation on which board to port board to join. Charles Bell reviewed the additional information he emailed, and the group discussed options. Norris said the next step should be for the subcommittee to meet and either bring a recommendation or targeted discussion points for future meetings. Chair Denise Boyer appointed herself and Mike Dunn to serve on the subcommittee.

**V. Strategic Plan Update (Board Information):**

Norris reviewed his memo saying that SEIRPC staff have been involved in many calls and meetings since adopting the 2020 Strategic Plan. Staff focus remains on the Lee County Joint Education Center (JEC). This project has the highest potential of completion and will positively affect economic development, which is the primary reason SIREPA was created. He mentioned that staff encourages the board to revisit the plan and establish where the board would like SIREPA to be in the next two to three years.

**VI. Closed Session (Board Action):**

Dunn made a motion to go into Closed Session at 10:32 a.m. for the purpose of: To discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property as per State Code, Chapter 21.5.1(j), second by Smith. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes, motion carried.

**VII. To go back into regular meeting (Board Action):**

Dunn made a motion to go back into regular meeting at 11:25 a.m., second by Hickey. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes, motion carried.

**VIII. Matters from the Floor:**

Dunn asked if everyone had paid dues to date. Norris said he will check and give an update at the next meeting.

**IX. Consider Adjournment (Board Action):**

Hardy made a motion to adjourn at 11:27 a.m., second by Dodds. All ayes, motion carried.