



SIREPA

SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL ECONOMIC & PORT AUTHORITY

Minutes of the SIREPA Board of Directors
Thursday, April 21, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
In-Person at KL Megla Building or via Zoom
2495 280th St, Montrose, IA

I. **Call to Order** at 9:30 a.m. by Mike Hickey, Vice-Chair

Roll Call:

Members Present: Director Mike Hickey (Vice Chair); Director Michael Dunn (Treasurer) via Zoom; Director Jack Smith; Director Bob Dodds; Garry Seyb, Ex-Officio; Matt Larson, Ex-Officio via Zoom

Members Absent: Director Denise Boyer (Chair); Director Bruce Hardy; Rick Larkin, Ex-Officio

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

Guest(s) Present: Chuck Vandenberg, Pen City Current; Dennis Fraise, Lee County Economic Development Group; Kay Sackville, Alliant Energy

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

Smith made a motion to approve the April 21, 2022, meeting agenda, second by Dunn. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Smith made a motion to approve the December 7, 2021, meeting minutes, second by Dodds. All ayes, motion carried.

IV. **Consider Lee County / SIREPA Broadband Funding Contract (Board Action):**

Dunn made a motion to approve the broadband funding contract between SIREPA and Lee County, IA, second by Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

V. Consider Danville Telecom / SIREPA Broadband Project Contracts (Board Action):

Smith made a motion to approve broadband project contracts between SIREPA and Danville Mutual Telephone Company (Danville Telecom), second by Dunn. All ayes, motion carried.

VI. KL Megla Building Update (Board Information):

Norris said that since the purchase of the KL Megla building on August 26, 2021, the facility has been very busy. He summarized each entity currently utilizing the facility and said the approximate \$87,000 balance in the joint account is well ahead of initial projections. Dunn stated it would be advantageous to have an annual meeting between SIREPA, LCEDG, Lee County, and the cities of Fort Madison and Keokuk, to share information and optimize capabilities.

VII. Matters from the Floor (Board Information):

Norris brought board members current on the following items: the annual report was filed with IEDA prior to March 1, SIREPA insurance is approved for another year, and the SIREPA strategic plan needs to be updated in the near future. Additionally, Norris was appointed by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds to the Mid-America Port Commission.

VIII. Adjourn (Board Action):

Dunn made a motion to adjourn at 10:19 a.m., second by Dodds. All ayes, motion carried.