

IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, October 23rd, 2025 / 10:30 A.M.**

**INRCOG
229 E Park Avenue
3rd Floor Board Room
Waterloo, Iowa**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Consider Meeting Minutes of April 17th, 2025
4. RLF Update
5. CEDS Update
6. EDA Regional Updates
7. Population Study Update
8. Regional Project Updates
9. Tentative 2026 Meeting Schedule (3rd Thursdays, 10:30 AM, INRCOG Board Room):
 - a. January 15, 2026
 - b. April 16, 2026
 - c. July 16, 2026
 - d. October 15, 2026
10. Other Business
11. Adjourn.

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Quarterly Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors
Oct 23rd, 2025 • 10:30 A.M. • INRCOG Board Room/Microsoft Teams

1. The quarterly meeting of the Iowa Northland Regional Economic Development Commission (INREDC) Board of Directors was called to order at 10:30 A.M. The meeting agenda was posted for use by members and the general public.

Commission members present: Lisa Kremer, Buchanan County Economic Dev Corps; Keith Wieland, Buchanan County; Bob Brunkhorst, Bremer County; Lexi Schneider, City of Waterloo; Connie Tolan, City of Waverly, Katie LaBree, Butler County REC; Jeff Kolb, Butler-Grundy Development Alliance; Others present, Isaiah Corbin, INRCOG; Vincent Ruggiere, INRCOG

2. A quorum was present. Approval of agenda and consideration of minutes were considered. A motion was made by Brunkhorst and seconded by Tolan to approve the agenda. Motion carried. A motion was made by Wieland and seconded by LaBree to approve the minutes from April 17th, 2025. Motion carried.
3. Corbin provided an update on the RLF. Since the last meeting, No BS Lures closed on their loan for for \$125,000. Martzahn Poultry closed on a loan for \$50,000. There is currently \$61,699 available in the CARES RLF for lending and \$319,120 in Legacy RLF.
4. Corbin provided an update on the planning grant which is set to end 3/31/26. Corbin is expecting the next round of applications to come out in January of 2026. Corbin discussed some possible changes within EDA and planning grants and discussed the CEDS Plan update due November 2027.
5. Corbin updated the group on a recent RFP for a consultant to conduct a study on the lack of population growth in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls MSA. The study is being brought forth by Grow Cedar Valley. The “Big Ideas” session was discussed amongst the group.
6. The group provided other additional updates. Corbin discussed recent cuts to the EDA University Centers as well as the upcoming Small Business and Startup Summit being held Nov 13th by Grow Cedar Valley and IDM. Corbin also discussed the EDA Waterloo for Warp Drive. Schneider discussed the various projects taking place in Waterloo including International Paper, Crossroads Mall development, and the SW Business Park buildout. Labree discussed the Fredericksburg housing tax credit, meat locker, housing conference, and the importance of discussing with your local utility when considering developing projects. Kolb updated the group of industrial opportunities along Highway 20 in Grundy County, master planning for Butler Logistics Park, and recent development in Greene. Tolan discussed the opening of the Bremer Ave Bridge and downtown Waverly, the STEM festival, Manufacturing Night event, and developing the Irving Middle School for housing. Lisa and Keith discussed several small business expansions and several infrastructure projects taking place in Buchanan. Brunkhorst discussed the Comp Plan update, the Poor Farm site, and the Denver solar proposal.
7. The meeting schedule for 2026 was reviewed. (3rd Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., INRCOG Board Room).
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8. A motion was made by Labree and seconded by Kremer to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Isaiah Corbin, Acting Secretary