

# VALLEY CENTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 1:00 P.M.

(meeting held via Zoom)

## MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:01 P.M. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Ben Anderson, Chairperson

Mike Bonner

Casey Carlson

Ashley Martin

Ron Colbert

Tim Hoffman

Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director

Brittney Ortega, Community Development Assistant

Brent Clark, City Administrator

## APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

Motion was made by Board Member Colbert and seconded by Board Member Hoffman to approve the meeting minutes for January 5, 2022. Motion was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

## NEW BUSINESS:

### A. Residential/Commercial Developments Update

Ryan Shrack gave an update on Cedar Ridge and Arbor Valley. They are working through the final design phase. They are hoping to start infrastructure work in the next 90 days, weather permitting. Prairie Lakes and Trails End are moving forward as well. City Council approved the developer's agreement and project plan, and the State of Kansas granted approval for them to start the process of dirt work to remove the development area from the floodplain. First area to be developed will be Prairie Lakes. Shrack also updated that Dingers Roofing is hoping to break ground on their new building on the SW corner of 69<sup>th</sup> and Meridian later this spring.

### B. Public Power Overview

Brent Clark gave an update on the City's plan to have public power. A mass mailer was sent to utility customers as well as 2000 more via newspapers. Clark explained that there are a lot of unknowns going into this process but overall, he is excited about the positives this will bring to Valley Center. Quicker response times, lower rates, and employment opportunity are just a few. The goal is to have this on the ballot by fall of 2024.

### C. General Discussion

Board Member Colbert addressed the new Building a Stronger Economy (BASE) grant opportunity. This grant would provide funding to help support infrastructure development and advance economic development. Applications are currently being accepted. Clark responded that Valley Center will be applying to help fund the water treatment plant.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 1:00 PM via Zoom.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Board Member Colbert and seconded by Board Member Hoffman to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1:21 P.M.