

MEMO

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Steven L. Schainker, City Manager

Date: June 13, 2023

Subject: Story County Economic Development Group

The Story County Economic Development Group is comprised of municipal officials, economic development professionals, County elected officials, and County staff, who through their combined efforts promote economic growth, quality of life, capital investment, and job creation throughout Story County.

This group has been around for 25+ years, and Ames has always had representation and met eligibility parameters to receive economic development funds from the County. The Ames representatives appointed by City Council for a one-year term to the Story County Economic Development Group to represent Ames have consistently been Dan Culhane and Amy Howard. Therefore, staff is recommending that Dan and Amy again be appointed to this group.

The group meets quarterly in a pre-selected Story County community and discusses projects within the fifteen participating municipalities and projects being undertaken by the Story County Board of Supervisors. Some meetings also include an educational component with presentations from economic development experts throughout the state of Iowa.

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