

**NIEF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**February 24, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Nebraska Public Service Commission Hearing Room**  
**300 The Atrium**  
**1200 N Street**  
**Lincoln, NE 68508**

**Meeting Called to Order at 10:07 p.m. by Vice Chairman Linn Gowen:**

**Roll Call**

**Attending were the following:**

Commissioner Tim Schram  
Linn Gowen  
Rick Nelsen  
Brian Thompson  
Mike DeVore (video conference)

**Not Attending:**

Ron Melbye (via phone)  
Chuck Whitney

Those attending from Commission staff were: Nichole Mulcahy, Staff Attorney; and Deena Ackerman, Administrative Assistant, Communications.

**Approval of Minutes:** Brian Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2017, meeting. The motion was seconded by Rick Nelsen. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discuss & Determine Grant Application to be recommended to the Commission:**

Nichole Mulcahy reminded the board that the Village of Winnebago contacted the Commission and decided not to proceed with filing a full application. There was also discussion of Senator Walz's legislation regarding the NIEF grant program. The board members discussed the Box Butte County. Rick Nelsen made a motion to recommend that Box Butte County's application be approved to the Commission. Brian Thompson seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discuss timeline for next round of grants:** Nichole Mulcahy discussed opening another round of grants, possibly this summer.

**Scheduling next meeting:** Staff will contact the members to schedule a date for the next meeting.

**Adjourn:** The NIEF Advisory Board adjourned at 10:52 a.m.