**LB840 Loan Board, LB840 Citizens Advisory Committee, & City Council**

**Joint Meeting Minutes**

**3-27-23**

**Present**

Mayor Josh Ericson, City Council members Chuck Asher, Helen Olson and Jerry Osborne; LB840 Loan Board members Dan Kramer, Jon Wolf, Margaret Linse, Lisa Bilstein and Jason Mitchell; and LB840 Citizens Advisory Committee members Brian Mlady, Miles Garwood and Shawn Fetherston. Also present were Atkinson Economic Development Director Amanda Sindelar, Atkinson Deputy Clerk Shelly Wieneke, and Holt County Economic Development Director Shelby Regan.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Erickson at 6:05 p.m. The location of the Open Meetings Act poster was noted to all present. Roll call was taken for all three of the boards members.

ED Director Sindelar gave a brief overview of the City of Atkinson’s Economic Development Plan, the programs offered and the guidelines for each program.

The board members discussed items related to the Property Improvement Program and what should be administered for façades, signage, demolitions and sidewalks. The members discussed offering loans vs. grants.

Members also discussed how often an entity can apply for funding as well as who can apply such as prominent businesses outside of city limits. The majority of the members were in favor of setting the business loan interest at 50 percent of the current local bank interest rates.

After much discussion, it was agreed upon by the members of all the boards to regroup again in about a month. This would give the members time to speak with their constituents.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.