

Business & Economic Development Planning Team
Meeting Notes – September 10
7:30-8:30

In Attendance: Dan Hanson and Ruth Heywood

1. Report on water situation: An update on the progress toward a permanent water solution for the City of Peru was given. Key steps are that JEO is getting information from Rural Water and is exploring places to drill test wells. JEO will give an update at the September 16 City Council meeting.
2. Student coffee shop: Honors students are touring facilities in Peru as a site for a possible student-run coffee shop. They have toured Deckers, the Peru Museum and the former Hair Cottage. Once they make a decision about location, they will need to get cost estimates for renovation and equipment. The College Foundation will work with them to seek grant funding.
3. The City received good news this week. It is a recipient of a DED Disaster Recovery Housing Fund grant of \$500,000. This was a true City and PSC partnership as the PSC Foundation secured the matching funds of 50,000 for the grant, while \$25,000 of that funding came from a gift from the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation.
4. Efforts to find a way to repair the levee north of Peru continue. Recently, Congressman Adrian Smith was in town and is providing his support to find a way to get Federal funding for the levee repair.
5. We discussed the role of the ImPERUving as oNE leadership team. The work of the group has changed focus to serve as a communication link for the city and to look for grant opportunities to support the needs of the community. We discussed the need to perhaps serve as a “long-term recovery group” for the city.
6. Next Meeting – Oct 8 at 7:30 p.m. (second Tuesday of the month)