

MINUTES  
KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION  
MEETING OF May 21, 2013

The May 21, 2013 meeting of the Kiowa County Economic Development Foundation was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chairman Mike Lening with board members Sharon Frazee, John Courkamp, Dick Scott and Donald Oswald attending. Rod Johnson is serving as alternate board member tonight. Administrator Jan Richards attended and guest Bruce Fickenscher-CSU Extension Service.

Minutes of the April 16, 2013 were presented and one correction was noted which Jan will share with Dennis Pearson later. Motion to accept minutes made by John Courkamp second by Sharon Frazee, motion passed.

Treasurer's report was presented for filing by Jan Richards, with following comments; we still need to receive \$31,000.00 from grants and expect \$7500 from Town of Eads, we owe Darrell Stoltzenberger and Tom Haskell on work done in the wetlands area, closed the sale of two parcels of commercial property along the cemetery road. Motion to file made by Sharon and second by John, passed.

#### Old Business

President Lening shared with the group his take on meeting with county commissioners on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Mike shared that Donald had not been reporting KCEDF activities with the commissioners and would be correcting that with future meetings. Dick had written an email sharing concerns and Mike replied to several issues during the commissioner meeting. Dick was given the chance to share with the KCEDF board on Pedal the Plains concerns. Jan shared that Pedal the Plains group restricted her from presenting at public meetings until after official announcements. Dick shared several other concerns which have been founded on past minutes, emails and conversations. Board members responded with their concerns on many of the similar concerns. Based on approved by-laws update from April 16, 2013---commissioners are allowed one voting member. KCEDF would appreciate written notice from the commissioners that Dick shall serve as KCEDF alternative member and Donald as representative for 2013, this for both board's records. Dick asked that Jan email him the meeting agenda and minutes, which she did before this meeting, since he would serve as the alternate for the Commissioners office while Donald served as commissioner representative. Mike shared his concerns that the gulf between commissioners office and KCEDF could expand. Dick shared some thoughts onto activities for KCEDF; county fire district efforts, Eads Hotel building along Maine Street of Eads which county owns may be torn down and would rather not see a vacant lot should this happen thought perhaps new county library or museum buildings, and Towner hoops donation.

Bruce Fickenscher showed the group some Youtube videos of the 2012 Pedal the Plains efforts from Yuma, Colorado. He has a contact and some leftover grant funds which may

be allowable to use for constructing some videos for use at this 2013 function and others if the group is interested and may at later date need to supplement funding for, estimated video costs of \$1000 to 1200 total. The board recommended Bruce take the lead and see if can develop some youtube style videos for Kiowa County.

The discussions onto possible funds being placed in a cd were brief as the board felt first place to invest our funds is to pay the 10% defined by earlier board actions towards the land payment principal. Mike further recommended we withdraw the amount needed for the 2013 land payment and make it at the same time further reducing balance due. Donald moved and John seconded to make the 10% principal payment plus the 2013 land payments, motion passed.

#### New Business

Was shared an oil company has been using a fire hydrant on the residential property in the Jackson Development to obtain water with the full knowledge of the Town of Eads. Board has some concern of possible road damages should we receive much moisture.

Towner Hoops donation was discussed following members reading the request letter submitted. Sharon moved we donate \$750.00 towards the project, John seconded, passed. Please make this payable to Towner Recreation District.

National Park Service's Karl Zimmerman asked if KCEDF would be interested in taking over the Murdock building, including ownership, rather than the county? Long-term, does KCEDF desire to proceed forward with such efforts? What is the counties position on the matter?

Canyons and Plains meeting is June 6<sup>th</sup> at Haswell with lunch followed by presentation and tour from Deep Space group beginning at 9 a.m.

#### Committee Reports

Pete Koch's field along the cemetery road has been zeroed out, present cover to stay while Jeff Salisbury may plant fresh cover crop on commercial land he purchased. Eads FFA has manure ready to spread. Pete Koch to plant cover crop on field south of FSA office to serve as cover for later planting.

Housing-nothing new to report other than one lot is being looked at.

Resource—Sheridan Lake did not have a fishing 4 fun day this year due to low water levels.

Linly Stum is going to put up a wind generator in Sheridan Lake large enough to supply both Thunderbird businesses plus a few houses. Should pay back within 5 years, estimated presently.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m. The board thanks Jan for supplying drinks and snacks this evening.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Oswald  
Secretary