

KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

MINUTES – JUNE 21, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Cardon Berry. Others in attendance were board members Jerry Weber, Donald Oswald, John Courkamp, Tom Davis, Bill Koehler and Dick Scott, Resource Chairman Rod Johnson and Jan Richards.

Motion was made by Courkamp and seconded by Weber to approve the minutes from the last meeting with a correction of a population figure of 890, previously attributed to Eads, to now read commissioner district #2. All voted aye.

Treasurer's report was presented by Richards – Weber moved to approve, Courkamp seconded and all voted aye. Richards requested permission to pay Directors and Officers insurance – Weber moved, Davis seconded and all approved.

Coordinator's report was then presented. Highlights included report on a new Motel operator and continued plumbing struggles to get all the rooms available to use. Two other business prospects Richards had been working with included a local gentleman wishing to relocate a Lamar business to Eads, and a current business operation that Richards has been trying to get to relocate their offices to Kiowa County. Richards also brought up that SBDC has funding available to help struggling businesses with assistance from training aides for such things as setting up accounting, etc.

One Oil and Gas leasing company is in the area and had requested information on office space and housing opportunities from the KCEDF office. May be taking Grower's building. Discussion continued on KCEDF updating housing prospects and possibly getting in touch with owners of houses that are not currently used. The idea of leasing a small KCEDF lot for a modular was discussed. Oil and Gas leasing company said that is sometimes their last resort in a community. Second company may be coming to area and needing similar assistance.

Old Business:

-Fitness center on hold as of now due to loss of Hospital Administrator, and his involvement in having the hospital as the umbrella for the center.

-Continued discussion on housing concerns.

-NPS agreement insurance requirements have been met by the county insurance coverage – moving forward on yearly agreement and payment to KCEDF.

-Incentives discussed at length – Town of Eads has put a few into place. Questions raised as to who should meet with prospective businesses – tabled till next meeting. Another question was raised as to what KCEDF can put into place – undefined as of now. Case by case basis still discussed as the best route.

New Business:

-Tri-State map given out as to fresh plans for 345KU double line in numerous counties to transport power outward. KCEDF will write a letter of support in the fall for regional transmission line request that will be submitted by Tri-State.

-Oil and Gas exploration earlier discussed.

Committees:

Ag – Pete Koch filed a prevented planting claim for grain sorghum on KCEDF field.

Housing – Had interest in 3 residential and 2 commercial lots in one day – some interest continuing. Also had interest in ag property – back where we had previous interest, by FFA farm.

Resource – Railing to be installed at Jackson's Pond handicap fishing ramp soon –rest has been completed.

Bring Something New to the Table:

It was suggested by Davis that we put a flyer at the motel to advertise our main businesses to travelers as a free handout. Richards will work on this.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Weber, seconded by Courkamp at 8:46 p.m.

Minutes taken by Donald Oswald, Secretary

Minutes typed up by Jan Richards, Community Coordinator