

MINUTES
KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
MEETING OF JULY 19, 2011

PRESENT: Mike Lening, Cardon Berry, Dick Scott, Donald Oswald, Tom Davis, Jan Richards, Rod Johnson and Dennis Pearson. Absent were John Courkamp, Jerry Weber and Bill Koehler.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at Kiowa County National Bank with the above parties present. Representatives from the Deep Space Exploration Society were present to provide a Power-point presentation on their activities at a former military site south of Haswell. General discussion followed. The group left the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Nate Campbell, of McDonald Land Services, was present at the meeting to discuss the activities of his company in Kiowa County and to present a tentative proposal regarding leasing of KCEDF mineral rights. General discussion was held and the Board indicated they would study the leasing proposal and get back to Campbell. Campbell left the meeting at approximately 8:30 PM.

The Board then discussed an incident that occurred during the June 21, 2011 Board meeting involving Kiowa County Commissioner Bill Koehler, which the majority of the Board felt was inappropriate. A long discussion followed.

Minutes of the June 21, 2011 meeting were then reviewed. Oswald moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Davis and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was then reviewed. Lening moved to approve the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Davis and passed unanimously.

The Coordinator's Report was then reviewed. Jan told the Board she was confused as to what her role was and asked for clarification. It was brought up there has been a great deal of miscommunication from the Commissioner's office regarding certain matters, which was further inflamed by the incident at the June meeting involving Commissioner Koehler. General discussion followed with the consensus of the Board that Jan is operating in a manner desired by the Board.

Discussion was again held regarding the need for incentives to be put into place in order to provide a better package to offer potential businesses interested in moving to Kiowa County. The Board agreed the idea needs to be pursued.

General discussion was held regarding the success of the Maine Street Bash and the baseball tournament held the same weekend. Consensus was both events were successful.

Jan noted there seems to be noticeable improvement in the condition and operation of the Traveler's Lodge motel in Eads. More people appear to be staying at the motel. Jan also

showed the Board the draft of an advertising flyer she is developing to place in each room at the motel.

Scott presented a list of economic development ideas he had formulated, suggesting the Board select one of the ideas and bringing five strategies that might be followed to make the idea become reality. The topic selected was the development of local businesses.

Jan then noted the Eads Chamber of Commerce had purchased a mobile barbecue grill for use at functions and by organizations within the county. Jan asked for approval to pay \$135.00 to the Eads Chamber in order to purchase one-third ownership of the grill. Lening moved to approve the payment. The motion was seconded by Scott and passed unanimously. The grill will now be owned by the Chamber, KCEDF and the CLCEC.

The Agriculture Committee Report was then provided. It was noted KCEDF ground yielded 196 bushels of wheat that can now be sold.

A written report was reviewed from the Resource Committee. A short discussion followed.

There was no Housing Committee Report presented.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, Scott moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Lening and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.