

MINUTES
KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2011

PRESENT: Cardon Berry, Bill Koehler, Dick Scott, Tom Davis, Donald Oswald, Jan Richards, Rod Johnson and Dennis Pearson. Bruce Fickenscher arrived as a guest at 6:50 PM. Absent were Mike Lening, Jerry Weber and John Courkamp.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-chairman Berry at 6:35 PM. Minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Davis moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Oswald and passed unanimously.

Jan then presented the Treasurer's Report, noting the interest rate for funds in the CD's had dropped to less than 1%. Following discussion, the board authorized Jan to shop around to see if a better rate was available. Koehler then moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Davis and passed unanimously.

Jan then presented the Coordinator's Report, noting that a survey regarding Governor Hickenlooper's plan for economic development had been sent to Eads and Plainview schools for student input. Plainview did not want the kids participating at school so sent the forms home to parents. Jan also showed a sample of the map that will be placed on the east side of the restrooms at the Eads Roadside Park through a 6-county interpretive wayfinding grant received by SECORHT.

The KCEDF annual meeting was then discussed. A bid for dinner has been accepted from the Crow Luther Cultural Events Center and plans are to show PSA announcements concerning SE Colorado to attendees. It is also desired to have attendees participate in an automated survey sponsored by SCEDD; however it was uncertain whether that can happen due to staff turnover at SCEDD. Fickenscher was asked to facilitate the interactive survey if SCEDD was unavailable. He stated he would follow up to see if that could be arranged.

Discussion was then held regarding assisting the Town of Haswell with matching funds for an upcoming CDOT/SECORHT/KCEDF grant proposal to purchase new signage for the 'World's Smallest Jail'. Following discussion, Koehler moved to approve such funding. The motion was seconded by Scott and passed unanimously. Oswald, who resides in Haswell, abstained.

The Ports to Plains meeting being held in Broomfield, CO in April was brought up. Discussion was held regarding attendance but concern was expressed over the high cost of attending the meeting.

SEBREA is asking for additional county funds and Jan asked if the Board wanted to donate the \$500 that the county was unable to, noting most other counties were contributing \$1000. SEBREA reasoning was that each county should be an equal part to

benefit equally from SEBREA activities. The Board stated more information was needed regarding use of the funds before a decision could be made.

Jan asked the April board meeting be held April 21, 2011 rather than April 19th due to a scheduling conflict. The Board agreed to the meeting date change.

The Agriculture Committee report was provided by Johnson, who thanked KCEDF for the gift he had been given upon his retirement from the Farm Service Agency. Insurance for KCEDF crops was then discussed. The Board authorized Johnson and Berry to determine what was needed to adequately protect KCEDF.

Jan provided the Housing Committee Report noting SECPA has not yet completed installation of electrical service to the east lots of Kiowa Creek Estates so the final payment to SECPA has not yet been made.

Johnson provided a written report for the Resource Committee as well as providing samples of decking material that could be utilized during further development of the handicap dock for the pond at the Kiowa Creek Natural Area. The board authorized Johnson to utilize whichever material he felt was best suited and could be purchased with the grant funds available.

A chart was reviewed showing the continual decline in population for SE Colorado and Jan showed the Board some new promotional materials being developed to promote Kiowa County and SE Colorado.

Davis brought up the plight of rural pharmacies and stated he wanted KCEDF to take a more active approach to keeping a pharmacy in Eads. Davis noted that Kiowa County and other businesses provide insurance to employees that reward the employee for using mail order prescription services, which harm the local pharmacy. Davis also stated he wanted to define what the role of KCEDF would be for the next 5-10 years. A discussion followed.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the next meeting was scheduled for March 31, 2011 following the Annual Banquet. The regular April meeting was scheduled for April 21, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Oswald and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.