

MINUTES

KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2011

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the KCEDF office. Minutes of the December 8, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Oswald moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Berry and passed unanimously.

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

Jan then presented the Coordinator's Report, noting that Shannon Ellenberger's high school class was preparing a business plan for Larry Michael's former gas station/restaurant. Jan also noted she had contacted a chain of convenience stores to gauge interest in expanding into Kiowa County. Jan also noted she had been contacted by an individual from Kansas who had expressed interest in opening a restaurant in SE Colorado.

It was also noted that PSA's developed by SECHORT would be available on March 1, 2011 and that CDOT has funds available for signage as long as the community desiring the signage can contribute approximately \$1500 toward the cost of the signs. Jan also noted that she and the Kiowa County Commissioners had attended a meeting in Limon regarding Governor Hickenlooper's economic development plan.

Jan reported the down payment for construction of electric service to the east lots of Kiowa Creek Estates had been made to SECPA and the material had been ordered. Oswald moved to provide the final payment to SECPA upon completion of the project. The motion was seconded by Courkamp and passed unanimously.

Discussion was then held regarding the issue of low property appraisals in Kiowa County and the resulting problems concerning obtaining financing for building of new homes in Kiowa County.

Jan noted that the annual Snow Goose Festival was coming up at the end of February and requested the Board to make a donation to the silent auction that is part of the joint Prowers/Kiowa County event. Following discussion Oswald moved to provide \$40 to purchase an item for the silent auction. The motion was seconded by Scott and passed unanimously.

Jan then noted that she wanted to use the aforementioned SECHORT PSA announcements as the program for the KCEDF annual dinner meeting, which will occur at the end of March. There was no objection from the Board. It was also noted that KCEDF needed to select a Business of the Year recipient and it was decided the entire KCEDF Board would make that decision at the February meeting. There was further discussion of where to hold the annual dinner meeting and Jan stated she would look into possible locations.

There was no Agriculture Committee report.

During the Housing Committee report Jan noted that there was a potential buyer looking at a lot in Kiowa Creek Estates. Discussion was also held regarding the potential for permitting mobile homes to be located on certain defined areas of Kiowa Creek Estates, however no decision was made.

Rod Johnson presented a written report from the Resource Committee and a brief discussion followed. Johnson also note the annual Kids fishing Day had been moved to May 14th since the first weekend in May was Mother's Day weekend.

Koehler than related that there needs to be increased effort to let the public know more about KCEDF and what the entity does. It was suggested to expand the KCEDF website and to try to recruit more people to participate in KCEDF meetings and projects.

The Board then briefly reviewed the annual contribution soliciting letter without comment.

There being no additional business to come before the Board the next meeting was scheduled for February 15, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.