

MINUTES  
KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION  
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23, 2015

PRESENT: Jan Richards, Dennis Pearson, Kelly Courkamp, Jerry Weber and guest Charlie Collins. Mike Lening, Donald Oswald, Sean Lening and Melinda Larsen were absent.

The meeting convened at 6:30 PM, however there were not enough members present to constitute a quorum, but Collins went ahead and described a problem with the tractor KCEDF had purchased from the Town of Sheridan Lake not starting. Weber indicated the issue might be the starter and that the parts store in Sheridan Lake had a starter in stock. It was decided to purchase the starter to see if that would resolve the problem. Collins left the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Sean Lening arrived at 6:55 PM which provided a quorum. Kelly Courkamp called the official meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 29, 2015 meeting (there was no October meeting) were reviewed. Weber moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Lening and passed unanimously.

Jan presented the Treasurer's Report, noting the National Park Service has repaid KCEDF for the purchase of the antique rifle used at the Sand Creek Massacre. The written Coordinator Report was also reviewed. Jan noted the Heritage-Agriculture Tourism meeting held in Eads in October was not well attended and few Town Council members or KCEDF Board members attended. Weber moved to approve both the Treasurer Report and the Coordinator Report. The motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously.

Jan noted she had attended a meeting of the Kiowa County Growers, who are still deciding what to do about the sale of their assets.

The status of the railroad was briefly discussed. There is a buyer interested in the line and discussions are being held between the potential buyer, V&S Railway and the Surface Transportation Board. There have been no reports as to how those discussions are progressing.

Jan relayed to the Board how the cooperative effort between the Town of Eads, Kiowa County Hospital District, Kiowa County and KCEDF had gotten needed repairs done at the airport. Jan noted the KCEDF portion of the cost was \$3125 and she needed approval from the Board to pay it. Weber moved to approve the payment. Motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously.

Election of officers was then discussed. Weber moved to keep the current slate of officers in place. Motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously. The officers are:

Chairman: Mike Lening  
Vice-Chairman: Kelly Courkamp  
Secretary: Dennis Pearson  
Treasurer: Sean Lening

Discussion was then held regarding the KCEDF (Kiowa Creek Estates) housing lots that face Lowell Street. Commissioner Cindy McLoud has asked Jan about the possibility of placing some multi-family units on those lots. The Board indicated they are not in favor of "low-income" housing on the lots, but are willing to consider proposals for multi-family housing such as duplexes or apartments. It was suggested that perhaps a meeting could be called between KCEDF, Kiowa County, SECED, and other interested parties to discuss the matter further.

Jan noted one of the KCEDF meters for water being used by residents at the south end of the KCEDF property has quit working. Dan Richards ordered and replaced the meter for the just his cost of the meter.

The number of KCEDF Board members was then discussed. The Cobblestone Hotel member, Melinda Larsen has not shown up for any meetings. It was decided Jan needs to talk to Cobblestone management and see if a different person can be appointed.

There was some discussion regarding the KCEDF budget for 2016. The Board wanted to wait until more members were present to discuss it in detail. Further discussion of the budget was tabled until the next meeting.

Jan informed the Board she had been contacted by Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory regarding a double payment they had made to an individual who had done work at Jackson's Pond. RMBO is trying to collect the duplicate payment, but having no luck. RMBO had contacted Jan to see if there was anything she could do to help. The Board stated the issue was not KCEDF's responsibility and that we could do nothing to help.

Jan distributed some information about a new program to help businesses or areas of special interest obtain signage along major highways. It was noted a CDOT representative was going to be in Kiowa County to talk about the program at a commissioner meeting and that Jan was going to attend.

'Small Business Saturday' and the upcoming Chili Supper at the fire station were briefly noted. Jan encouraged the Board to support both events.

There were no Agriculture or Resource committee reports. It was noted that the Baxters had moved a storage shed onto their lots in Kiowa Creek Estates in anticipation of building activity in the relatively near future.

There being no additional business to come before the Board the next meeting was scheduled for December 15, 2015 at 6:30 PM. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.