

MINUTES
KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 30, 2013

PRESENT: Mike Lening, Sean Lening, Donald Oswald, Jerry Weber, Dennis Pearson and Jan Richards. John Courkamp was absent. Lance Jagers was present as a guest.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Jagers informed the Board he and the Eads High School FFA youth were volunteering to maintain the Kiowa Creek Natural Area including Jackson's Pond. Jagers noted he and the FFA group had been actively involved with the various projects taking place at KCNA and the pond and with the death of Rod Johnson, someone would need to perform the duties Rod had been doing on a volunteer basis. Jagers noted he had conferred with Eads School Superintendent Glenn Smith who had given his approval for the FFA to volunteer. The Board thanked Jagers for the offer and told him it would be considered. Jagers left the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Oswald moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Weber and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Jan noted the increased cost for installing the water line to the new Cobblestone Hotel was higher than expected due to installation of extra 'T' fittings for possible use in the future. Sean Lening moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Oswald and passed unanimously.

The written Coordinator Report was then reviewed. Jan noted she was still shopping for color printers but had not yet purchased one. Jan also noted Rod Johnson's widow Sharon Johnson had brought in some checks from Rod's aunt Dorrie's estate. The checks were for different organizations in the community and additional would be used as match money for landscaping for Prairie Pines Assisted Living facility.

Discussion about the possible purchase of a mower for the Town of Eads that could also be used at the natural area was tabled. Rod Johnson had been coordinating this effort and time is needed to gather the information he had accumulated. It also needs to be determined who is going to do the summer mowing.

Jan provided a tentative budget for 2013-2014. After review, Weber moved to approve the budget as presented. Sean Lening seconded the motion. Discussion ensued, following which Weber withdrew his motion as the Board expressed a desire to review the budget with the possibility of revisions. The matter was tabled until the January meeting.

A yearly lease between Kiowa County and KCEDF for use of the KCEDF office in the Bransgrove Building was presented. Following review, Sean Lening moved to approve the lease. The motion was seconded by Weber and passed unanimously.

The KCEDF Annual Meeting was discussed. Jan is seeking themes for the meeting and has tentatively scheduled the meeting and dinner for March 27, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the

Kiowa County courthouse meeting room. General discussion was held regarding possible topics of discussion at the meeting. Potential topics included the new Cobblestone Hotel and some sort of tribute to Rod Johnson for all the effort he put out on behalf of KCEDF and Kiowa County.

Jan asked the Board if there would be a willingness to make a contribution to the ongoing effort of the Plains Theater to purchase a new digital projector. Following discussion, Oswald moved to donate \$750 to the effort. The motion was seconded by Weber and passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding a memorial to Rod Johnson for his years of effort on behalf of KCEDF in general and the Kiowa Creek Natural Area specifically. There could be a plaque at the barn or by the picnic shelter, or perhaps an engraved stone by the pond commemorating him. The Board stated ideas will be discussed and Rod's family will be taken into consideration before anything is done.

Jan mentioned Van Brown, of the Town of Eads, has volunteered at least temporarily to read the water meters of the individuals who utilize the KCEDF water pipeline. The board agreed to permit Brown to do so.

Jan noted she will be having surgery on Jan 24th and will be out of the office for possibly two weeks to recuperate. Jan also requested the Board review a letter she had sent to each Board member requesting a possible increase in salary and benefits that would make her compensation more in line with what neighboring counties pay their Economic Development Directors. The Board agreed to review the letter and the matter will be discussed further at a later date.

The matter of Lance Jagers and the FFA club assuming maintenance of Jackson's Pond and the KCNA was again brought up. Oswald moved to permit Jagers and the FFA to maintain the property on an interim basis until a longer range plan can be developed. The motion was seconded by Weber and passed unanimously.

The Agriculture Committee report consisted of Jan relating a grain/sorghum payment had been received and to note a replacement was needed for Rod J, who handled most of the duties of this committee.

The Housing Committee report was presented by Jan, who noted a lot had been sold to the Kiowa County Hospital District and closing on the property would take place in January.

The Resource Committee report was presented by Jan since Rod J handled most of the duties of this committee as well. Jan reported Chad Roberson had inquired about KCEDF donating a parcel of land to the Eads FFA Alumni on which the alumni would create a shooting and archery range and mud runs or demolition derbies. The Board instructed Jan to tell Roberson he would need to come before the Board with a detailed plan of what he wanted to do on the property before any decision could be made.

Jan updated the Board on the status of several grants, noting she would have to get together with Rod J's family to see what pertinent grant information he might have at his home before she could progress much further. General discussion was then held on potential ways to cover all the tasks Rod was doing on behalf of KCEDF.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the next meeting was scheduled for January 21, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the KCEDF office. Sean Lening moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Oswald and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.