

MINUTES
KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2011

PRESENT: Cardon Berry, Donald Oswald, Tom Davis, Jerry Weber, Jan Richards, Rod Johnson and Dennis Pearson. Absent were Dick Scott, Bill Koehler, John Courkamp and Mike Lening. Pearson, appointed as an alternate Board member on behalf of the Kiowa County Commissioners, assured a quorum was present. Vice-president Berry chaired the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM with the above parties present. Minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Weber moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Oswald and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was then reviewed. Following brief discussion, Oswald moved to approve the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Weber and passed unanimously. Jan noted the property tax was due for the KCEDF property and asked for a motion to approve payment of the tax. Davis moved to pay the tax. The motion was seconded by Weber and passed unanimously.

Jan then provided a written report of her activities since the previous meeting, noting she had made contact with the new owners of the hog farm operation with a facility in Kiowa County, urging them to establish their headquarters in Kiowa County. Office space is limited within the county which triggered a discussion regarding the continuing need for incentives to attract new businesses. Jan also discussed the upcoming Snow Goose Festival as it pertained to Kiowa County.

Discussion was then held regarding the selection of the KCEDF 'Business of the Year'. A list of previous winners was distributed and after discussion the Board decided in total on the 2010 recipient of the award, to be presented at the annual meeting.

The annual meeting was then discussed. It is scheduled for March 31, 2011 beginning at 6:30 PM at the Kiowa County courthouse meeting room. Jan noted she had solicited bids for provision of the meal and have received one bid at the present time.

The special meeting concerning Governor Hickenlooper's economic development plan was then discussed. Jan reported that only eight (8) people showed up for the meeting. Davis stated he didn't know about the meeting. Jan noted she had sent emails to the entire Board and had posted fliers in the post office and several other locations.

Jan noted she had received an inquiry concerning placing a single wide mobile home on KCEDF property. The mobile home does not meet the requirements in the KCEDF covenants. Oswald moved to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Weber and passed unanimously.

During the Agriculture Committee report, Johnson noted there were some issues with the water lines and the meters servicing users of KCEDF water, but noted the issue was not the responsibility of KCEDF.

There was no Housing Committee report presented.

Johnson then provided the Board with a written Resource Committee report. Johnson asked the board about the possibility of moving the Kids Fishing Day to Sunday, May 15th to accommodate families that had to work on Saturdays. Following discussion, the Board opted to leave the date as May 14, 2011. Johnson also asked the Board if there was any interest in hiring one or two part-time students to work on the Kiowa Creek Natural Area during the summer. Johnson proposed the cost of these students be split between KCEDF and the Town of Eads. The board expressed interest in the proposal but made no decision.

Davis then made a presentation to the Board concerning the dwindling number of pharmacies on the eastern plains. A short discussion followed.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the next meeting was scheduled for March 15, 2011 at 6:30 PM in the KCEDF office. Oswald moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Weber and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.