

MINUTES
KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2014

PRESENT: Mike Lening, Sean Lening, Dennis Pearson, Jan Richards and Lance Jagers. Absent were Donald Oswald, John Courkamp and Jerry Weber. It was noted there was not a quorum to begin the meeting.

Lance Jagers brought a list of maintenance duties at Kiowa Creek Natural Area and indicated he and the FFA youth would be able to take care of these duties. Jan informed him there had been some vandalism at the barn and also the porta-potty located near the pond. Jan also informed him that 'Kids Fishing Day' would be held May 18, 2014 and that Jim Ramsey of DPW would likely be contacting him about it. Lance stated he would help as much as he could.

Lance also asked permission to burn or dispose of some old sheds located south of the cul-de-sac and the Board provided permission to do so. He also asked permission to use FFA animals to do some "control grazing" on approximately 30 acres of ground southeast of the sewer lagoons belonging to KCEDF. The Board stated they would take the request under consideration. Jagers left the meeting at 7:00 PM. Jerry Weber also arrived at 7:00 PM, which provided a quorum for the meeting.

Minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Sean Lening moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Weber and passed unanimously.

Jan presented the Treasurer's Report. She noted the Town of Eads had authorized payment of \$4000 with indication the remaining \$3500 of their yearly dues would be paid in August or September. Jan also reported more grant money would be coming in as bills are paid and then reimbursed by the grants. Weber moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the written Coordinator Report and had no questions. Jan did share with the Board that John Courkamp will be resigning from the KCEDF Board effective April 1, 2014.

The final revised budget for 2013-2014 was presented to the Board. Weber moved to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed potential recipients of the 2013 'Business of the Year' award and unanimously selected Weber Water Service as the recipient for 2013.

The KCEDF Annual Meeting will be held March 31, 2014 beginning at 6:00 PM in the basement meeting room of the courthouse. Jan reported the main speaker for the evening will be corporate representatives from Cobblestone Inn & Suites. Charlie and Mary Vasquez, who are now doing the catering for the Crow Luther group, will be providing dinner at the meeting.

Jan reported the mower the Board approved purchasing from Eads Auto Supply was not a John Deere as was originally thought. The Board stated to go ahead with the purchase anyway.

Mike Lening reported he, Sean Lening and Dan Richards had met with a state representative concerning the small dam that creates Jackson's Pond. Mike reported the original concerns regarding the state's involvement were pretty much allayed by the visit. The state will install a meter to measure the water to be sure no one upstream is taking it away from the pond.

Jan reported the Colorado P&W was interested in holding a 'Youth Waterfowl Shoot' sometime in September at Jackson's Pond. The event would not be open to the public but would be utilized as an educational tool for local youth. The Board requested Jan obtain more information before the Board would make a decision.

Jan reported Marcia Will-Clifton, of the National Park Service, will be serving as the Kiowa County representative for planning 'Rural Philanthropy Days' that will be held in Trinidad in September. The National Park Service will pay her travel expenses.

There is a group of individuals from Southeast Colorado that desires to make the area a National Heritage Area. Jan stated a member of this group would be attending the annual meeting to report on the effort.

There was discussion concerning farm ground owned by KCEDF as an inquiry was received from FSA about current plans for the ground. Mike Lening indicated he would speak to John Courkamp and obtain more information about our options so a decision can be made.

Jan reported an individual has expressed interest in purchasing two residential lots but wants permission to keep 4-H animals on the property. The Board told Jan to obtain more detailed information as to the location of the lots the party might be interested in and what type of 4-H animals does the party wish to keep on the property.

Jan then requested permission from the Board to utilize Talli Hansen to assist with her job duties on a part-time basis for perhaps four (4) hours per week at \$8.50 per hour. The Board agreed by consensus to permit the request.

An email from Kiowa County commissioner Dick Scott was reviewed by the Board. Scott requested a letter of support from KCEDF for the possibility of seeking approval for a gambling initiative for Kiowa County. Scott would need the letter within the next two (2) weeks.

Items from the Agriculture, Housing and Resource Committees were covered during the meeting so no additional reports were provided.

There being no additional business to discuss the next meeting was scheduled for March 18, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the KCEDF office. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.