

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

PRESENT: Mike Lening, Sean Lening, Donald Oswald, John Courkamp, Dennis Pearson and Jan Richards. Absent was Jerry Weber.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with the above parties present.

Minutes of the February 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Sean Lening moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by John Courkamp and passed unanimously.

The Board then reviewed the Treasurer's Report for February. Jan noted there have been several new members joining KCEDF this year for the first time. Jan also noted Kiowa County had paid their \$385 contribution to assist with telephone service during 2014 and pay for the \$25 pond lease for insurance coverage. Sean Lening moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Courkamp and passed unanimously. The Board then reviewed the written Coordinator's Report Jan had submitted. There was no discussion.

Discussion was then held regarding approximately 80 acres of ground owned by KCEDF and what should be done with it regarding ground cover. Jeff Salisbury quoted a price of \$55.00 per acre (which includes the seed) to plant the ground into grass. Oswald moved to approve Salisbury to plant the acreage into grass at the quoted price of \$55.00 per acre. The motion was seconded by Courkamp and passed unanimously.

Further discussion was held regarding a proposed Youth Waterfowl Shoot that would be conducted near Jackson's Pond this fall. The Board had several questions concerning the status and potential maintenance of the proposed duck blinds, liability insurance and how the hunt would impact fishing at the pond. The Board decided they would need more information from Colorado Parks & Wildlife and suggested CP&W representatives be invited to a future meeting of KCEDF to address some of the concerns expressed.

The proposed 'work list' of things needing done at Jackson's Pond and the entire Kiowa Creek Natural Area was discussed. It was noted the elimination of tumbleweeds needed to be added to the list. Jan will check with DPW to determine when and how often Jackson's Pond is being stocked with fish.

Jan reported Van Brown, the Town of Eads Public Works Director, had reviewed the water pipeline and related meters and determined one meter could possibly be removed or re-routed. Brown also believes one customer on the pipeline has likely been over-charged for water usage. Jan stated water charges have not been billed to any customers for the past few months and offered the possibility of not billing the over-charged customer for usage over those months in order to compensate for the overcharge. The

Board decided before any decision can be made, Brown needs to come to a KCEDF meeting to provide the Board with more detail.

A brief discussion was held regarding the KCEDF Annual Meeting, to be held March 31, 2014 at the Kiowa County Courthouse beginning at 6:00 PM. Jan explained some of the programs being presented that night and the general itinerary for the meeting.

A bill was received from Eads Auto Supply and Hardware for the mower deck KCEDF agreed to purchase and donate to the Town of Eads. The bill had already been approved for payment and authorized Jan to do so.

Jan stated she had been approached by Elise Deverman of the Town of Eads, for a donation toward additional playground equipment to be installed at Eads City Park. The Board is not against contributing, but would like more detailed information from Elise about what is being planned for the park.

Discussion was then held regarding the kiosk at the Roadside Park and the need for pouring concrete (or some form of ground cover) around the base of it. The Board instructed Jan to obtain bids so a decision could be made.

Jan requested permission from the Board to attend the EDCC Conference that is to be held in Grand Junction. Following discussion, Courkamp moved to permit Jan to attend. The motion was seconded by Pearson and passed unanimously.

Discussion was again held regarding granting permission to Weisbrod Hospital for Flight for Life helicopters to land on KCEDF property since the current landing site is no longer available. The Board agreed to permit the helicopters to land wherever is feasible at the moment, but also stated a desire to donate some land for a permanent landing site. Pearson, who is a member of the Kiowa County Hospital District Board of Directors, will convey that offer at the next hospital board meeting scheduled for March 25, 2014.

A short discussion was held regarding the rumored construction of a Dollar General Store in Eads. Jan stated she had heard the same rumor, but had not been contacted by anyone.

There were no Agriculture or Resource Committee reports provided. During the Housing Committee report Jan noted there had been some interest in lots from an individual who wants to put horses and possibly other animals on the property. The Board decided more information was needed regarding the type and how many animals were being contemplated.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the next meeting was scheduled as the annual meeting to be held March 31st. The next monthly meeting will be held April 15th.

Courkamp moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. The motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously.