

MINUTES
KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2014

PRESENT: Mike Lening, Sean Lening, Donald Oswald, Dennis Pearson, Kelly Courkamp, Jimmy Brown and Jan Richards. Jerry Weber was absent. Guests present were Todd Marriott and Kevin Mahan of the Division of Parks and Wildlife, Lance Jagers and Cindy McCloud.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with the above parties present. Board Chairman Mike Lening welcomed Kelly and Jimmy to the Board.

Marriott and Mahan discussed their plans for the 1st Annual Rod Johnson Youth Waterfowl Hunt, an event conceived by Johnson prior to his death. A written concept paper was presented by Marriott and Mahan for review by the Board since the hunt would take place on KCEDF property. Discussion was held regarding the hunting blinds and the availability of hunter safety classes for the youth. The Board stated the proposal would be reviewed and Jan would get back to DPW in the near future with a decision. Marriott and Mahan left the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Lance Jagers then provided the Board with a written report of activities he and the FFA youth had recently performed at the Kiowa Creek Wetlands area. Jagers stated all the trees purchased by KCEDF had been planted and that a 'cleanup day' was going to be scheduled for early May. The Board thanked Jagers for his efforts on behalf of the youth of Kiowa County and wished him well as he leaves the community. Jagers left the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Van Brown, the Town of Eads Public Works Director, arrived at the meeting at 6:50 PM.

On behalf of the Town of Eads, Brown thanked KCEDF for the purchase of a new mower that was donated to the town. Discussion was then held regarding the KCEDF water pipeline that serves some rural customers to the south of Eads. Brown suggested a change in the placement of one water meter that would provide for fairer billing for the water being used. Oswald moved to approve the relocation of the meter. The motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously. Brown left the meeting at 7:05 PM.

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

The Treasurer's Report was then presented. A brief explanation of the report was provided to the new Board members. Sean Lening moved to approve the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Oswald and passed unanimously.

A written Coordinator Report provided by Jan was reviewed. Jan noted she was working on completion of the informational kiosks in the county, especially for the Town of

Haswell, that has very little money. Jan also stated she is working to get the open grants KCEDF has been awarded lined out and settled.

Jimmy Brown then expressed his thanks and gratitude to Jan for all her work and effort to assist getting Cobblestone Inn & Suites built and opened. Brown stated he and the other investors in the project were very appreciative of how Jan assisted in the process.

A brief discussion was held regarding the seeding of some former KCEDF farm ground into grass. It has not been done yet, but should be occurring shortly.

The Board then reviewed the Kiowa Creek Natural Area work list of things that needed to be completed or carried out. It was noted some items on the list had been completed and others were in process.

The anticipated donation of some ground belonging to KCEDF for development as a permanent helipad to either the Town of Eads or the hospital was discussed. Jan stated the GPS coordinates of the proposed site had been determined and provided to the hospital. Brown suggested that Pearson, a member of the hospital Board of Directors, suggest the hospital ask the companies that provide Flight-for-Life services if they might contribute financially toward the development of a permanent landing pad.

Jan noted she is still waiting to hear back from Elise Deverman regarding the type and amount of funding desired in order to upgrade the existing paly equipment at Eads City Park.

The election of Board officers for the current year was then conducted. Pearson moved that Mike Lening be nominated for Chairman. The motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously. Mike Lening abstained. Brown moved that Kelly Courkamp be nominated for Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously. Kelly Courkamp abstained. Oswald moved Dennis Pearson be nominated as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously. Pearson abstained. Oswald nominated Sean Lening as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Kelly Courkamp and passed unanimously. Sean Lening abstained.

Jan then noted some officers of the Board needed to be declared as legal signers for KCEDF business matters. Oswald moved that Mike Lening, Sean Lening and Kelly Courkamp be approved as those with signatory authority on behalf of KCEDF. The motion was seconded by Brown and passed unanimously.

Discussion was then held regarding the Rural Philanthropy Days Listening Tour that is occurring in preparation for Rural Philanthropy Days that will be held in September. Jan noted anyone can attend the Listening Tour to represent county interests. Jan also requested the Board to make a small financial donation toward Rural Philanthropy Days. Kelly Courkamp moved to donate \$250 toward the event. The motion was seconded by Brown and passed unanimously.

Cindy McCloud was asked if she had anything she would like to say to the Board. Cindy expressed a hope that entities within the county could work together toward being ready for possible changes including oil field development. The Board assured Cindy, who is a candidate for county commissioner in the November elections, that KCEDF was working diligently on behalf of the county.

Further discussion was then held regarding the Rod Johnson Youth Waterfowl Hunt. Sean Lening moved to approve the hunt being conducted on KCEDF property. The motion was seconded by Oswald and passed unanimously.

During the Agriculture Committee report, it was noted some round bales from KCEDF ground had been sold to a local resident who had not yet paid for them. Efforts are being made to collect the money owed.

Jan also reported a current owner of a lot in Kiowa Creek Estates on the west side of the Landfill Road has expressed interest in either adding some ground to the lot they currently own, or possibly purchasing a second lot not bordering the one they own. If the second lot should be purchased, the lot owner inquired about having a road constructed between the two lots. The Board decided more detailed information would be needed to make a decision.

There was no Resource Committee report.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the next meeting was scheduled for May 20, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the KCEDF office. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.