

MINUTES
KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2013

PRESENT: Mike Lening, Sean Lening, John Courkamp, Jan Richards and Dennis Pearson. In order to achieve a quorum, Pearson was recognized as an alternate member for the Town of Eads. Sharon Frazee, the Town of Eads representative arrived at 7:00 PM. Absent was Donald Oswald, Jerry Weber and Rod Johnson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Minutes of the February 27, 2013 meeting and the KCEDF annual meeting held March 25, 2013, were reviewed. Sean Lening moved to approve both sets of minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Courkamp and passed unanimously.

Jan presented the Treasurer's Report, noting she had received a down payment on commercial property purchased by Mark Brown, membership dues from Weisbrod Hospital, and \$360 from Kiowa County as a yearly telephone allowance. \$500 was received from the Central Kiowa County Rec District, with \$100 to be used for Youth Fishing Day and the rest for general use at the natural area. Courkamp moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously.

The Board then reviewed a written Coordinator's Report from Jan. It was noted the annual meeting went well, but Jan was disappointed the Monsanto Company had not done a better job of promoting Doug Uhland, who had won a Monsanto award which was presented to the community by Uhland. Jan expressed hope she could get Monsanto to return to Eads and provide proper recognition to Uhland for his award.

The revised KCEDF by-laws were presented for final approval. Pearson pointed out the changes to the by-laws the Board had requested during a previous meeting had been made. Courkamp moved to approve the revised by-laws as presented. The motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously.

Jan informed the Board the surveying has been completed for the two (2) parcels of commercial property KCEDF recently sold. It was revealed that Mark Brown wants to establish an RV park on his acreage. The Board instructed Jan to be sure Brown understood the mineral rights to the property he purchased have been leased. The Board also approved a revised acreage amount defined by the survey, making an allowance for the cemetery road that reduces the amount of usable acreage for both purchasers. Jan expressed hope the closings on both pieces of property would occur within the next few weeks.

Following a short discussion, the Board tabled election of officers until the May meeting due to the absence of several regular Board members at the present meeting.

Jan informed the Board the Pedal the Plains bicycling event scheduled for September of 2013 will begin and end in Eads. Governor Hickenlooper's formal announcement will occur April 24, 2013 in Denver. Jan requested as many Board members as possible to attend the announcement. Jan will also request Eads Town Mayor Marilyn Baxter to attend. The organizers of the event will be back in Eads on May 1, 2013 to discuss event planning in more detail. This is a very large event and will require a great deal of planning and cooperation similar to what the community did in preparation for the opening of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site. The Board expressed confidence the community will do a good job with this event as well.

Jan asked for Board input regarding the possibility of KCEDF utilizing some of the revenue gained by leasing the mineral rights to KCEDF owned property in order to benefit businesses or entities that might have a specific need, such as signage or minor repairs, in preparation for the cycling event. The Board instructed Jan to visit with some of the entities to determine what might be needed. It was also suggested limited funds could possibly be made available to the Eads Chamber of Commerce to assist in purchasing food for the Kiowa County Fair breakfast and possibly food that might be provided at the cycling event.

The Agriculture Committee report was provided by Jan, who stated the committee was working with Pete Koch regarding settlement for his crops growing on the commercial property that has been sold.

Jan noted during the Housing Committee report she has been working with a couple from out of town regarding the possible purchase of a residential lot.

Johnson had submitted a written report from the Resource Committee which was reviewed by the Board.

Members of the Board then asked Sharon Frazee, who is Chairperson of the Kiowa County Hospital District, to explain recent changes to the hospital and nursing home structure of operations. The Board asked Sharon numerous questions and expressed satisfaction the hospital and nursing home will continue operations as normal.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the next meeting was scheduled for May 21, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the KCEDF office. Sean Lening moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Sharon Frazee and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.