

MINUTES
KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2011

PRESENT: John Courkamp, Donald Oswald, Mike Lening, Cardon Berry, Tom Davis, Dick Scott, Jan Richards and Dennis Pearson. Absent were Bill Koehler, Jerry Weber and Rod Johnson.

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

Minutes of the March 14, 2011 meeting and the March 31, 2011 annual meeting were reviewed. Oswald moved to approve both sets of minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Courkamp and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was then reviewed. Courkamp moved to approve the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Berry and passed unanimously.

Jan presented the Coordinator's Report outlining her activities during the previous month. She noted she had rolled over the current KCEDF CD as she was unable to locate a better interest rate. Jan also discussed the Kiowa County Growers Building, and/or the metal building at the same location as potential sites for a wellness center. Previous plans to house the center in the Bransgrove Building have been abandoned. Jan also discussed the Governor's "Bottom Up" economic development plan and noted she had placed a small advertisement in Discover Magazine promoting KCEDF.

Discussion was held regarding the annual meeting. Jan stated it cost over \$1000 to put it on and asked the Board if it was worth continuing with a full meal or should it be more of a snack affair. There was general reluctance from the Board to quit holding the dinner meeting since the meal is a draw and brings KCEDF more into the public eye.

Jan informed the Board she had gotten a grant for \$900, which will be used to offset the costs of the Crow Luther Cultural Events Center annual meeting. Jan also stated KCEDF should be receiving approximately \$15,000 from the Fishing is Fun grant and the National Park Service would be supplying \$1000 to be used for assisting with Sand Creek functions.

General discussion was held regarding ways to take advantage of the opportunities for economic growth within Kiowa County. Various topics were discussed including incentives for people to purchase and renovate older homes, temporary property tax relief, and utility cost incentives. Performance contracts were also discussed.

The Board then elected officers for the current year. Lening moved that Berry be elected President of the Board. The motion was seconded by Courkamp and passed unanimously. Courkamp moved that Lening be elected Vice-president. The motion was seconded by Oswald and passed unanimously. Lening moved Oswald be elected Secretary to the

Board. The motion was seconded by Courkamp and passed unanimously. Oswald moved that Courkamp be elected Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Davis and passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding KCEDF making donations to several events occurring in the county. Oswald moved KCEDF donate \$25 each to the after-prom parties at both Eads and Plainview schools, the Sheridan Lake Kids Fishing Day, and the Eads Memorial Trailer. The motion was seconded by Courkamp and passed unanimously.

Jan asked if the Board would approve support of the Cal Ripken baseball tournament to be held in Eads this summer. By consensus, the Board agreed to provide support in a manner yet to be determined.

Jan also reported that the proposed CPV wind farm at the east end of the county had been withdrawn by CPV. She stated Linley Stum had contacted her requesting she send letters to a second company (EON) asking them to assume the leases CPV had signed with several landowners. The Board agreed this would be a good idea. There was further discussion regarding constructing a single tower wind turbine as a means of promotion wind power in Kiowa County. Jan will move forward after attending a single wind tower meeting already scheduled.

Jan reported she had been working with other smaller counties in SE Colorado on pursuing small companies that employ five or less employees. Jan stated this collaboration could help the smaller counties that do not have the infrastructure or facilities larger companies are searching for. The possibility of constructing, on speculation, an industrial building at the industrial park near the airport in Eads was mentioned as a possibility.

During the Agriculture Committee report it was noted there continues to be a problem with the water meter measuring water usage for Pete Koch. Koch is paying the minimum bill for now, but the meter must get repaired.

The Housing Committee report noted there was continued interest in the Kiowa Creek Estates lots, but no additional lots had been sold.

Rod Johnson submitted a written report concerning the Resource Committee, which was reviewed by the Board.

There being no additional business to discuss, the next meeting was scheduled for May 17, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the KCEDF office. Courkamp moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Davis and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.