

MINUTES
KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2015

PRESENT: Mike Lening, Donald Oswald, Jerry Weber, Dennis Pearson, Jimmy Brown and Jan Richards. Sean Lening was absent. Kelly Courkamp arrived at 6:40 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Oswald moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Weber and passed unanimously. It was noted there were no minutes for May since there had not been a meeting.

Jan then presented the Treasurer's Report, noting she had received over \$37,000 in reimbursements from the National Park Service. Jan noted NPS had expressed a desire to work with KCEDF on additional purchases and will provide \$5000 "up-front" to do so. Jan also noted the Acts & Omissions insurance policy for the Board is due. The cost for the year is approximately \$900.

The written Coordinator Report prepared by Jan was then reviewed. General discussion was held regarding several items on the report. Weber then moved to approve both the Treasurer Report and the Coordinator Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Kelly Courkamp and passed unanimously.

Discussion was then held regarding the potential purchase of a tractor to maintain Kiowa Creek Natural Area. Weber reported the Town of Sheridan Lake has a used tractor that would be available for approximately \$5000. Weber reported the tractor is older and needs tires and a battery, but had low hours of usage. Brown moved to offer Sheridan Lake \$4500 for the tractor if they will replace the tires and battery and it is in working condition. The motion was seconded by Kelly Courkamp. All voted in favor except Weber, who abstained as he is the Mayor of Sheridan Lake.

Jan also reported a \$37,000 grant had been received to conduct a feasibility study for a project the Stum family in Towner is considering. The grant also includes \$2300 for KCEDF to administer the grant.

Discussion was held regarding the mass mailing done on behalf of Kiowa County Growers concerning the sale of their real estate. Jan noted she did most of the work. Jan also noted she had an opportunity to sell the real estate outright, but the Growers preferred to accept bids on the property.

The KCEDF annual meeting was discussed. The date of the meeting was set for July 30, 2015 at 6:30 PM at Plains Theater.

The dam at Jackson's Pond was then discussed. There is some concern that it should be raised approximately one foot to accommodate the anticipated water that will flow into the pond throughout the summer. The Board opted not to take action at this time.

Jan has been contacted by CLCEC regarding a proposed 5K run to be held during the Kiowa County Fair. CLCEC wants to know what route can be used in KCNA to accommodate the run. The Board instructed Jan to notify them that they can use whatever route is practical.

Jan reported she was disputing an invoice from a company called Network Imaging regarding some toner that was ordered by mistake. The Board instructed Jan to return the unordered toner.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of the Kiowa County Sheriff Office installing cameras at various locations around KCNA in an effort to deter vandalism.

There was no Agriculture Committee Report.

The Housing Committee reported there had been some renewed interest in the lots of Kiowa Creek Estates.

The Resource Committee report focused on the interpretive panels that need to be installed at the barn.

There being no additional business to discuss, the next scheduled meeting will be the annual meeting on July 30, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.