

MINUTES
KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2013

PRESENT: Mike Lening, John Courkamp, Donald Oswald, Jerry Weber, Sean Lening, Jan Richards, Rod Johnson and Dennis Pearson. Sharon Frazee was absent. Mark Brown was present as a guest.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with the above parties present. Minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting and the special meeting held July 30, 2013 were reviewed. Oswald moved to approve both sets of minutes. The motion was seconded by Courkamp and passed unanimously.

Jan presented the Treasurer's Report for review. The Homeplate Project is currently around \$600 short so KCEDF will temporarily cover that amount until more donations for the project are received. Jan also relayed a request from Katherine Anderson for assistance in paying for tree-trimming at the roadside stop in Arlington. Discussion was held, however the Board was not in favor of providing the assistance. Courkamp moved to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously.

Mark Brown then presented an overview of his plans for a tract of property he purchased from KCEDF. Brown presented drawings and survey maps of the property for review. Brown stated the critical component to his plan is the accessibility to water. The Board thanked Brown for his presentation and noted KCEDF would assist him in whatever way possible. Brown left the meeting at 7:40 PM.

The written Coordinator Report was then reviewed. Jan reported a great deal of her time is currently being spent on the new hotel project and the Pedal the Plains event as well as normal administrative duties for KCEDF.

Possible annexation of KCEDF property, including the ten (10) acres purchased for building the new hotel, was discussed. Any annexation must have an accurate boundary map and Jan reported a new map would have to be surveyed before annexation can proceed. The Board noted annexation was up to the Town of Eads and needed to be pursued by the town if they were interested in annexation.

Landscaping around the kiosk at the roadside park was discussed. Rod Johnson noted the National Park service might be able to assist with the cost. The Board suggested Johnson check with local contractors before any work is done to provide them an opportunity to work on the project.

The possibility of a mobile home park in the community was then discussed. There has been some interest from the oil and gas industry in having or developing such a park in Eads. Jan has talked to some local people who might be interested in developing the park and KCEDF could also be an option for developing the park.

The Cobblestone Inn project is moving along. The ten (10) acres the hotel purchased from KCEDF has not yet been closed upon due to processing of paperwork, but should happen in the near future.

Jan then provided an update on Pedal the Plains. Work is continuing with the planning and scheduling as well as the logistics of the event. Jan also noted Jimmy and Amanda Brown were donating \$100 to purchase bottled water for the event. Jan also reported Roger Saffer is going to donate a portion of the entry fees for the participants in the Family Fun Ride portion of Pedal the Plains.

Rod Johnson brought up the mower belonging to the Town of Eads and asked if KCEDF might consider purchasing a new mower for the town since KCEDF had utilized the town mower so often. KCEDF would keep the old town mower and replace it with a new one for the Town of Eads. The Board instructed Johnson to get some bids on mowers and bring them back to the Board for further review.

Johnson also stated he is considering building a home on a KCEDF lot he purchased and asked permission to dig some test holes in order to determine the makeup of the soil as it might relate to building a foundation for the home. The Board agreed to allow Johnson to dig the test holes.

Sean Lening brought up the fact Dr. Waggoner still desired to build a home on a lot to be purchased from KCEDF, but has been stymied by the low appraisals of property in Kiowa County. The Board agreed the low appraisals were a problem, but expressed uncertainty as to how to remedy the situation.

The Board then reviewed written reports from the Agriculture Committee and the Resource Committee. A short discussion followed.

There was no Housing Committee report provided.

The next meeting was set for September 17, 2013. Jan suggested the possibility of making that date a work-day at the Fairgrounds in preparation for Pedal the Plains rather than a formal meeting. The Board was agreeable to doing that and Jan stated she would let Board members know.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.