

MINUTES  
KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION  
MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2016

PRESENT: Mike Lening, Sean Lening, Craig Kerfoot, Donald Oswald, Dennis Pearson and Jan Richards. Kelly Courkamp and Jerry Weber were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with the above parties present. Minutes of the February 29, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Kerfoot moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously. There was no March meeting held so there were no minutes to review for March.

The Treasurer's Report was then reviewed. Jan noted several entities that normally become members of KCEDF had not yet done so for 2016. The Board suggested Jan send "reminder" letters to those entities. Oswald moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Kerfoot and approved unanimously.

Jan briefly discussed several items from her written report. There is discussion of trying to establish a lodging tax for Kiowa County. Jan arranged for Pat Palmer, from Lamar, to attend a Commissioners meeting along with her to talk to them about it. Discussion was held regarding the efforts to obtain a child care center for Eads and the work that is being done to do that. Jan is working with DPW in an effort to bring more water into the Great Plains Reservoirs. Jan also mentioned she had an individual possibly interested in purchasing the Travelor's Lodge and turning it into a mixture of apartments and a motel.

Discussion was then held regarding the tractor that KCEDF purchased for use at the natural area. The tractor still needs work done to it and that is being pursued. Jan also reported the Eads FFA youth will be painting and refurbishing the picnic tables Jackson's Pond. With the tractor still not functional, Jan asked the Board if she could have Jerry Hoffman do some mowing prior to Kids' Fishing Day. The Board agreed by consensus to utilize Hoffman.

The potential sewing center in Haswell was briefly discussed. Jan noted it remains a work in progress as does PM Enterprises, the new diesel repair business locating in Eads.

The desire of the Kiowa County Commissioners to have all three Commissioners be seated on the Board was briefly discussed. The question will remain on the agenda until a decision is reached.

Kids' Fishing Day will be held May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber of Commerce will be providing lunch. Jan invited the Board to attend and help with the day if possible. Oswald asked about the status of fishing in Sheridan Lake. Apparently there have been issues with the lake that has made fishing difficult. It was also noted there have been problems with vehicles driving on the walking path to Jackson's Pond. Some potential options to stop people from driving on the path were discussed.

Jan talked about the annual meeting that will be held May 16<sup>th</sup>. Hawks' Nest, in Sheridan Lake, will be catering the event.

Jan announced Eads Consumer Supply had been chosen as 2015 'Business of the Year'. They will receive their award at the annual meeting.

The shortage of housing in Eads was also discussed. There are many options to explore in order to remedy the situation. Jan asked the Board if they might be willing to donate some ground on which housing could be constructed. The Board agreed they would be amenable to doing so.

Jan requested the Board to permit her to utilize Priscilla Waggoner to assist in preparing the Governor's Initiative application. The Board agreed to the request.

Jan noted there was a conference coming up in Keystone devoted to Gateway Cities, of which Eads and Sheridan Lake are for the Sand Creek National Historic Site. National Park personnel are going and Jan would also like to attend. The Board granted permission.

Plans are still moving forward to install the tourist kiosks along the highway and the paperwork is being prepared for CDOT.

Jan also reported that the old structures west of Jackson's Pond had been removed by Marty Barnett and the ground had been mowed. Barnett wanted the structures gone as he has put a down payment on lots in the area.

There were no Agriculture or Resource Committee reports to present.

The next meeting scheduled will be the Annual Meeting to be held on May 16, 2016.

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.