

MINUTES

KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2014

PRESENT: Jan Richards, Dennis Pearson and Mike Lening met at 6:30 at Jackson's Pond for the initial portion of the meeting. The purpose was to view the area and to determine what needs to be done for either one-time or on-going maintenance.

The meeting then moved to the KCEDF office at 7:00 PM with Mike Lening, Donald Oswald, Dennis Pearson and Jan Richards present. Absent were Jerry Weber, Jimmy Brown, Kelly Courkamp and Sean Lening. It was determined there were not enough Board members present to constitute a quorum.

Minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting and the Treasurer's Report were reviewed with no action taken due to lack of a quorum. Jan reported the Homeplate Project, which is the effort to revitalize the north baseball field in Eads, had received a \$25,000 grant.

Sean Lening arrived at the meeting at 7:15 PM making a quorum present. Consequently, Oswald moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Pearson and passed unanimously. Oswald then moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously.

Jan then presented a written Coordinator's Report for review. It was noted Jan had received a message from Chad Roberson's wife stating a letter that had been sent to Chad by KCEDF concerning some unauthorized activity on KCEDF property was inaccurate. Jan also stated Tom Haskell had done some repair work on the KCEDF water line enabling better flow to Kirk Barlow's hanger. It was also noted the Kiowa County commissioners had agreed to pledge \$300,000, at least on paper, toward the Murdock Building project in order to hopefully obtain a much larger grant from DOLA in order to complete the project.

Mike Lening noted the grass seeding of certain acreage of farm ground belonging to KCEDF had not yet occurred, but should be happening relatively soon.

The type and scope of maintenance work at Jackson's Ponds and Kiowa Creek Natural Area (KCNA) were discussed. The Board agreed any work done must be approved by Jan before it occurs. It was stressed by the Board that while KCEDF does not want to "run off" volunteers, KCEDF must maintain control of the activities that occur at KCNA and the pond. Continued efforts at communication with volunteers will occur in order to facilitate this control.

Changes to the KCEDF By-laws authorizing an “at-large” Board member as selected by the appointed Board members were reviewed. Sean Lening moved to approve the changes. The motion was seconded by Oswald and passed unanimously.

It was noted the concept of a Lodging Tax had been brought up to the Kiowa County commissioners, who had tabled it indefinitely.

Jan asked the Board for permission to pay some of the bills associated with the Homeplate Project utilizing KCEDF funds until the \$25,000 grant was received. The Board approved the request by consensus.

Jan reported Pete Koch had attempted to turn on the water meter that measures his water usage from the pipeline owned by KCEDF. Koch did not seek advance permission to do so. The issue has since been resolved and Koch is receiving water for which he will be billed by KCEDF.

The Board then briefly reviewed the letter that Chad Roberson’s wife claimed was inaccurate. Following review, the Board deemed the letter to be appropriate and served to put Roberson on notice that repeat activities without permission would not be tolerated.

Health insurance coverage for Jan and her husband was then discussed. The COBRA coverage Jan has been purchasing for the previous eighteen (18) months expires at the end of June. The board asked Jan to obtain prices of coverage to bring back to the Board. Jan noted her husband was now eligible for Medicare and asked if the Board would pay for his supplemental insurance. The Board agreed to do so as long as the premiums for her and her husband’s coverage did not exceed what was currently being paid.

Jan reported she would be working primarily out of the office on July 10 & 11 in order to assist with the two state softball tournaments occurring that weekend as well as the Maine Street Bash. The Board approved the request and stated individually they would do whatever they could to assist as well.

Weisbrod Hospital requested permission to use the KCEDF Feasibility Study that was prepared for the Cobblestone Inn project. The Board agreed by consensus to permit the hospital to use the study.

During the Agriculture Committee report, it was noted David Marble still had not paid for an agriculture product he purchased from KCEDF. Mike Lening stated he would contact Marble to request payment.

There were no Housing Committee or Resource Committee reports provided.

The Board decided not to schedule a meeting in July. The next scheduled meeting will be held August 19, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the KCEDF office.

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