

MINUTES  
KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION  
MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2015

PRESENT: Sean Lening, Mike Lening, Kelly Courkamp, Jerry Weber, Dennis Pearson and Jan Richards. Absent were Melinda Larsen and Donald Oswald. Cindy McCloud was present as a guest.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM with the above parties present. Minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting and the Annual Meeting (July 28, 2015) were presented. Sean Lening moved to approve both sets of minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Weber and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was then reviewed. Jan pointed out the National Park Service currently owes KCEDF \$7100 as reimbursement for the purchase of an historical rifle; and GOCO owes KCEDF approximately \$16,000 as reimbursement for the interpretive panels that have been completed and installed at the barn. If the remaining panels defined in the original plan for the barn are to be completed, a different funding source will need to be located as payment for the current panels will close out the GOCO grant. Jan requested permission from the Board to have Jerry Hoffman mow around the barn in preparation for the Kiowa County Fair. Kelly Courkamp moved to approve the mowing and the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Sean Lening and passed unanimously.

The written Coordinator's Report was presented. A short discussion followed. There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of securing additional funding through the Kiowa County Department of Social Services as had occurred in the past. Jan also requested something in writing from the Town of Eads regarding the incentives the town has agreed to provide to new or expanding businesses. The report was approved by consensus of the Board.

The possible purchase of a tractor from the Town of Sheridan Lake has still not occurred since KCEDF Board Chairman Mike Lening has not yet looked at the tractor. Lening assured the Board he would check out the tractor within the next few days.

Discussion of a 5K run across KCEDF property in conjunction with the Kiowa County Fair was discussed. Eads High School Principal Betsy Barnett is looking for someone to mow the weeds on the possible route.

Election of KCEDF Board officers was discussed. It was noted that Jimmy Brown, who was selected to be on the Board representing Cobblestone Inn, has been replaced by Cobblestone Inn General Manager Melinda Larsen. It was determined the other Class C members would be notified of the change to make sure there was no objection to the change. As a result of the change, the election of officers was tabled until the September meeting.

Jan mentioned an upcoming meeting being presented by SECED regarding opportunities for low interest loans to qualified applicants who desire to repair and maintain their homes. Jan encouraged Board members to attend the meeting.

Discussion was then held regarding an electric car charging station that SECED is securing. There will be one station located in each of the six (6) counties SECED represents. The Kiowa County location for the charging unit has not been determined yet since there will be a cost to install the unit and no business has yet stepped forward to install the unit on their premises. It was noted the Town of Eads has agreed to install the unit if no private business can be located to do so.

Jan discussed the upcoming Youth Entrepreneurship Camp to be held at the Plains Theater and encouraged Board members to support it. KCEDF will support the camp by providing paper goods like cups and plates for refreshments and pizza for the Friday session.

It was noted an 'Aerospace Tour' was taking place throughout Colorado and on August 20<sup>th</sup> the tour would be in Lamar. Jan stated she would attend to represent Kiowa County.

A request from Prairie Pines Assisted Living for a donation toward completion of an outdoor recreation area for the residents was presented. Following discussion, Pearson moved to approve a \$1000 donation toward the project on behalf of KCEDF. The motion was seconded by Weber. All voted in favor except Mike Lening, who abstained due to being a member of the Prairie Pines Board of Directors.

There was no Agriculture Committee Report. In the Housing Committee report Jan noted there was some on-going interest in the housing lots of Kiowa Creek Estates. The Resource Committee report noted the completion of the interpretive panels in the barn and on-going maintenance needs. Jan noted she would be sending thank you notes to those who have volunteered their time in keeping the Natural Area clean for visitors.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the next meeting was scheduled for September 15, 2015. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.