

MINUTES
KIOWA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

PRESENT: Mike Lening, Craig Kerfoot, Donald Oswald, Dennis Pearson, Kelly Courkamp, Jerry Weber and Jan Richards. Sean Lening arrived at 7:05 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Minutes of the August 16, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Oswald moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Kerfoot and passed unanimously.

The written Treasurer's Report was then reviewed. Jan noted she had received reimbursement from All-Rite Paving for the water meter purchased for them and noted she was receiving funds from NPS. Kelly Courkamp moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Oswald and passed unanimously.

The Board then reviewed Jan's written Coordinator Report. Jan stated she had attended the Opening Ceremonies of Pedal the Plains in La Junta and it had gone well. She also noted SECED was creating new brochures with updated information. The Board approved the Coordinator Report by consensus.

Jan again asked if any of the Board was interested in attending an Eads Town Council meeting to discuss the town's plans for annexation of some KCEDF property. The Board expressed willingness, but need to check availability for the night town council meets.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed apartments on KCEDF property along Lowell St. Kelly Courkamp stated she has heard some negativity toward the proposed project and suggested a public meeting be held on the matter. Jan stated Stephanie Gonzales from SECED is willing to attend a community meeting to talk about the project. The Board suggested Stephanie might come to a KCEDF Board meeting to be sure Board members understand the parameters of the project in order to discuss it with community members who ask about the project.

Oswald was asked about a proposed layout of streets and lots for the KCEDF commercial property he is working on. Oswald stated it was not ready, so the matter was tabled.

Jan reported the Town of Haswell had finally authorized the placement of two informational panels in Haswell designed to provide information to travelers. KCEDF had paid for the panels and been waiting for Haswell to approve their placement.

Jan reported the Eads High School FBLA club had approached her with some ideas for projects to assist in the economic development of Eads and Kiowa County. Ideas include decorative flags along Maine St, assisting Chamber of Commerce in developing a more active membership, organizing a special sales event for shopping locally on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and offering hay rides to look at decorations on the Sunday prior to the annual chili supper. The Board agreed that Jan can assist the FBLA with developing these potential projects.

It was noted CDOT had notified the Town of Eads they would no longer provide a \$10,000 per year contribution toward upkeep and maintenance of the Roadside Park, primarily because of the new Love's Travel Center being constructed. It was noted CDOT representatives would be at the Kiowa County courthouse on September 22nd for an open meeting, and it would be advantageous for people to be there to express their concern over the withdrawal of funding. The Board also stated it might be a good idea to contact our state legislators regarding the matter.

There was no Agriculture Committee report, but Jan did inquire if anyone knew who might have some small square hay bales the might be used for the Christmas hay rides. Several sources were provided.

The Housing Committee report was provided by Jan. She has learned the structure placed upon the lots owned by Steve and Marilyn Baxter is considered by the county assessor to be a permanent structure, which complies with the Kiowa Creek Estates covenants. Jan also reported she might have another residential lot sold to a party from Denver. There was discussion of pricing of the lots. Oswald moved to raise the process of all lots by 20%. The motion dies for the lack of a second. The Board agrees the prices might need to be raised, but is not ready to state a specific amount. It was also reported the owner of Lots 6 & 7 had passed away, and his heirs want to sell the property. Priscilla Waggoner owns two lots totaling approximately eleven (11) acres and has asked if she might put two horses on seven of those eleven acres. The Board instructed Jan to obtain from Priscilla a written plan of where she would be keeping the horses on the acreage.

The Resource Committee report noted the tractor purchased for maintenance of KCNA was still overheating. Weber stated he would have someone come get the tractor and take it to his shop in Sheridan Lake where a mechanic would check it out. Jan noted the county had done a nice job on the roads to the pond before the County Fair, and that a local person had been contracted to do some mowing and had done a nice job as well.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the next meeting was scheduled for October 18, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.