



## RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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### **Executive**

#### **Committee:**

M.L. Martin  
Dr. Tim Shafer  
Ross Garwood  
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### **Other**

#### **Commissioners:**

Steve Ausdemore  
Richard Baier  
Karl Elmshaeuser  
Edgar Hicks  
Greg Ibach  
Marge Lauer  
Mark L. Matulka  
Gayle McClure  
Marilyn Mecham  
Lance Morgan  
Maxine Moul  
Bryce Neidig  
Connie Reimers-  
Hild  
Senator Arnie  
Stuthman  
Kerry Winterer

### **Staff:**

Linda Fettig  
Executive  
Director

Sandi Kaskie  
Assistant to the  
Director

### **Rural Development Commission Meeting XVI August 27, 2009 Ogallala Courthouse – 511 North Spruce Street, Ogallala, NE Meeting Minutes**

Chair M.L. Martin called the meeting to order with 14 Commissioners present. The meeting opened with self-introduction of guests (Joseph Young, DED; Senator Tom Hansen, District 42; Senator Ken Schilz, District 47; Ginger Langemeier, NE DoA.; Deb Van Matre, Congressman Adrian Smith's office; Jennifer Rogers, Senator Ben Nelson's office; Christina Bartels, DED; and Lori Cole, DED).

M.L. Martin stated that a copy of the Open Meeting Laws were available for viewing and located on the table at the front of the room.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Marge Lauer and seconded by Chuck Karpf. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call voice vote.

Linda Fettig hosted a Rusty Bucket interactive presentation utilizing economic information from the counties in the Southwestern and Central Regions of Nebraska. Individuals interested in further information are to contact Linda.

Overview of Gallup Study results were presented by Joseph Young. Information can be obtained by contacting Joseph.

Christina Bartels presented an overview of the RCDI Leadership Program and invited the RDC Commissioners to attend the Governor's Conference on Rural Development to be held at the Kearney Holiday Inn on November 6, 2009.

Richard Baier advised that the RCDI grant agreement expires on April 30, 2010 and DED is considering incorporating a "Self Value Your Community" program into a future grant. The commission is to consider what role, if any, the RDC would be interested in having in that program. Discussion took place and the commission will be considering Richard's inquiry.

### **Telecommunications Committee Report**

Chair Karl Elmshaeuser presented information on Maryland's vision regarding broadband. Additionally, he advised that Nebraska needs a statewide vision and policy regarding broadband. On behalf of the Telecommunications Committee, Karl requested that the RDC consider writing a letter to the Governor requesting that he consider appointing a committee to look at broadband issues around Nebraska. Discussion took place and Karl's suggestion is under consideration.

### **Legislative Committee**

Chair Ross Garwood presented the commission with the Nebraska Rural Development Commission Legislative Positions on pending and possible 2009-2010 legislation handout for consideration. Discussion took place.

Motion was made by Ross Garwood and seconded by Gayle McClure to adopt the Nebraska Rural Development Commission Legislative Positions on pending and possible legislation for the 2009-2010 legislative session. Motion passed with abstentions from Richard Baier and Kerry Winterer.

Motion was made by Ross Garwood and seconded by Dr. Tim Shafer to authorize the Executive Committee and Executive Director to testify within the adopted Nebraska Rural Development Commission Legislative positions on pending and possible legislation for 2009-2010 guidelines on behalf of the commission. Motion passed with an abstention from Richard Baier.

Ross Garwood presented the commission with a list of legislative considerations for future meetings.

Linda Fettig reminded the commission that the Agriculture Committee will be holding a hearing on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at Central NE Public Power & Irrigation District, 415 Lincoln Street in Holdrege to discuss LR240.

### **Rural Nebraska Views Committee**

Chair Chuck Karpf presented a copy of the rules to the Rural Nebraska "Views" – photo contest to the commission for informational purposes.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- October 4 – 6, RC&D Annual Meeting – Gering
- November 5, 2009 – RDC Meeting – Kearney
- November 6, 2009 – Governor's Conference on Rural Development – Kearney
- January 7, 2010 – RDC Senatorial Briefing, Ferguson House, Lincoln, time to be announced
- April – Video Meeting – to be determined
- August – Broken Bow
- November – Governor's Conference on Rural Development

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting – November 5, 2009 – Kearney, time and location to be announced

Minutes were prepared by Sandi Kaskie, and reviewed by Linda Fettig.

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**Meeting August 27, 2009 - Ogallala**

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE (X = Present)</b>	<b>MOTION #1 Consent Agenda</b>	<b>MOTION #2 Legislative Action/ Policy Positions</b>	<b>MOTION #3 Executive Committee &amp; Executive Director Authority</b>
	<b>X</b>	<b>Y-N-A</b>	<b>Y-N-A</b>	<b>Y-N-A</b>
<b>Steve Ausdemore</b>	X	Y	Y	Y
<b>Richard Baier</b>	X	Y	A	A
<b>Karl Elmshaeuser</b>	X	Y	Y	Y
<b>Ross Garwood</b>	X	Y	Y	Y
<b>Edgar Hicks</b>	X	Y	Y	Y
<b>Greg Ibach</b>	A			
<b>John Jordison</b>	A			
<b>Charles Karpf</b>	X	Y	Y	Y
<b>Marge Lauer</b>	X	Y	Y	Y
<b>M.L. Martin</b>	X	Y	Y	Y
<b>Mark L. Matulka</b>	A			
<b>Gayle McClure</b>	X	Y	Y	Y
<b>Marilyn Mecham</b>	X	Y	-	-
<b>Lance Morgan</b>	A			
<b>Bryce Neidig</b>	X	Y	Y	Y
<b>Connie Reimers-Hild</b>	A			
<b>Tim Shafer</b>	X	Y	Y	Y
<b>Sen. Stuthman</b>	X	Y	Y	Y
<b>Kerry Winterer</b>	X	Y	A	Y

**\*NOTE\*: No vote received is indicated by a dash (-).**