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**Rural Development Commission Meeting XXIV**  
**November 17, 2011**  
**NMPP Energy**  
**Lincoln, NE**

### Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

Chair M.L. Martin called the meeting to order with 13 Commissioners and 2 Guests present. Commissioners Elmshaeuser, Meysing and Neidig participated via teleconferencing.

Self-introduction of guests: Corrinne Pederson, NMPP and Scott Shafer, NE Commission on Indian Affairs.

Statement regarding Open Meeting Law location information was presented by M.L. Martin.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Gayle McClure and seconded by Judi gaiashkibos. Motion carried with a roll call voice vote.

A discussion took place as to future projects the commission may want to consider.

Richard Baier, Executive Vice President of 'Forging Nebraska's Future' presented an overview of the new initiative.

#### Project Updates

- *Sandhills Project:* Director Fettig presented an overview of that has taken place since the Sandhills Summit.
- *MINK Project:* Director Fettig advised that the project is moving forward and more individuals are taking an interest in the project.
- *Governor's Conference on Rural Development:* Director Fettig advised that the Governor's Conference is scheduled for April 18, 2012 in North Platte. Additional information will be presented as time grows closer. A discussion took place as to who the commission may want to consider reserving as the Key Note Speaker.

A discussion took place as to what dates were available on the Senators' social calendar that would allow for the Commissions' annual educational senatorial briefing; March 6<sup>th</sup> was the only day available for a luncheon.

#### Meeting Adjourned

**Next Meeting:** March 6, 2012

**Dates to Remember: March 6, 2012 – Senator Briefing & RDC Meeting (Lincoln)**

**April 18, 2012 – Governor's conference on Rural Development (North Platte)**

#### *Executive Committee:*

M.L. Martin  
Steve Ausdemore  
Chuck Karpf  
Kevin Poppe

#### *Commissioners:*

Richard Baier  
Jeremiah Blake  
Karl Elmshaeuser  
Judi gaiashkibos  
Senator Tom Hansen  
Edgar Hicks  
Greg Ibach  
K. Kirk Jamison  
Marge Lauer  
Gayle McClure  
Steven Meysing  
Maxine Moul  
Bryce Neidig  
Connie Reimers-Hild  
Michael Smith  
Michael Teahon  
Kerry Winterer

#### *Staff:*

Linda Fettig  
*Executive Director*

Sandi Kaskie  
*Assistant to the Director*

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Richard J. Baier, Director

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COMMISSIONER	PRESENT ABSENT	MOTION #1 Consent Agenda	MOTION #2 Legislative Positions	MOTION #3 Executive Committee
	X-A	Y-N-A	Y-N-A	Y-N-A
Steven Ausdemore	X	Y		
Richard Baier (Gary Hamer)	X	A		
Jeremiah Blake	A			
Karl Elmshaeuser	A (Attended via teleconference)			
Judi gaiashkibos	X	Y		
Senator Tom Hansen	X			
Edgar Hicks	A			
Greg Ibach (Bobbie Kriz-Wickham)	X	Y		
K. Kirk Jamison	X	Y		
Charles Karpf, Jr.	X	Y		
Marge Lauer	A			
M.L. Martin	X	Y		
Gayle McClure	X	Y		
Steven Meysing	A (Attended via teleconference)			
Maxine Moul	X			
Bryce Neidig	A (Attended via teleconference)			
Kevin Poppe	X	Y		
Connie Reimers-Hild	X	Y		
Michael Smith	X	Y		
Michael Teahon	A			
Kerry Winterer	A			