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Rural Development Commission Meeting XXII
March 29, 2011
Nebraska State Capitol Room 1023
Lincoln, NE

Meeting Minutes

Chair M.L. Martin called the meeting to order with 18 Commissioners and 2 Guests present.

Self-introduction of guests: Tom Jordison, Nebraska Renaissance and Barb Lococo, Senator Tom Hansen's office.

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

Richard Baier presented an update of legislation that may have an impact on the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and the Rural Development Commission.

Motion to approve the consent Agenda was made by Karl Elmshaeuser and seconded by Chuck Karpf. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call voice vote.

Tom Jordison, Executive Director of the Nebraska Renaissance, presented an overview of the group and their current projects.

Committee Updates

- *Legislative Committee:* Richard Baier, Director of DED, presented an update on behalf of Chair Chuck Karpf at the beginning of the meeting.
- *Broadband Committee:* Chair Karl Elmshaeuser advised the commission of the upcoming broadband forums being presented by UNL Extension educators across Nebraska.

Jeff Yost, President and CEO of the Nebraska Community Foundation, presented an overview of the foundation.

Project Updates

- *Sandhills Project:* Linda Fettig and M.L. Martin presented an overview of the community and county meetings they have attended thus far and the feedback received. It will take Linda until October to attend meetings in every community. A couple of Project Partners have volunteered to assist.
- *MINK Project:* The project is moving forward; the last meeting was held February 9, 2011 in Missouri and attendee feedback has been positive.
- *Governor's Conference on Rural Development:* Linda advised that the location is undetermined at this time; however, the conference will be held in the central portion of the state. Commissioners wanting to assist were advised to contact Linda.
- *Value-Added Agriculture (VAA) Grants:* Pre-applications were due by March 18th and final applications are due by noon on April 7, 2011. More than 20 applications were received for pre-review requesting over \$750,000.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Time and location to be determined.

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

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	X		
Richard Baier	X			
Jeremiah Blake	A			
Karl Elmshaeuser	X	X		
Judi gaiashkibos	X	X		
Senator Tom Hansen (Barb)	X			
Edgar Hicks	X	X		
Greg Ibach (Bobbie)	X	X		
K. Kirk Jamison	X	X		
Charles Karpf, Jr.	X	X		
Marge Lauer	X	X		
M.L. Martin	X	X		
Gayle McClure	A			
Steven Meysing	A			
Maxine Moul	X	X		
Bryce Neidig	X	X		
Kevin Poppe	X	X		
Connie Reimers-Hild	X	X		
Michael Smith	X	X		
Michael Teahon	X	X		
Kerry Winterer	X	X		