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Rural Development Commission Meeting XXI

January 20, 2011

Electronic Meeting

Site Locations – Kearney, Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha, Scottsbluff & Wayne

Meeting Minutes

Chair M.L. Martin called the meeting to order with 15 Commissioners and 2 Guests present.

Self-introduction of guests; Lindsey Salestrom, Nebraska Department of Ag and Joseph Young, Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

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

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

Richard Baier presented an overview of current legislation that may have any impact on the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and the Rural Development Commission. Additionally, Richard highlighted a series of legislative proposals presented by the Governor which are designed to advance business innovation and workforce recruitment efforts in Nebraska. .

Committee Updates

- *Legislative Committee:* Committee Chair, Chuck Karpf, along with Linda Fettig addressed the Legislative Position handout reviewed, considered and revised during the last meeting. Motion by Steve Meysing and seconded by Marge Lauer to approve the adaptation of the proposed legislative positions by the Commission. Motion carried with a roll call voice vote.
- *Nomination Committee:* Committee members Connie Reimers-Hild and Kevin Poppe presented the proposed 2011 slate of officers (M.L. Martin- Chair; Steve Ausdemore – Vice-Chair; and Chuck Karpf and Kevin Poppe – Members-at-Large) nominated for the Executive Committee. Motion made by K. Kirk Jamison and seconded by Mike Teahon to approve and adopt the slate of officers as read. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call voice vote.
- *Broadband Committee:* Chair Karl Elmshaeuser advised that Nebraska Link is projected to be complete by the end of the year. Additionally, Karl advised the broadband mapping project is ongoing; however, changes are occurring faster than the mapping.

Project Updates

- *Sandhill Project:* Linda Fettig advised she has been scheduling meetings with community and county boards and will start attending meetings next week. It will take Linda until October to attend meetings in every community. A couple Project Partners have volunteered to assist and she is hoping more will step forward.
- *MINK Project:* The project is moving forward; the next meeting is being held February 9, 2011 in Missouri.
- *Value-Added Agriculture (VAA) Grants:* Next cycle pre-applications are due by March 18th and final applications are due by noon on April 7, 2011.
- *Strategic Doing Project:* Linda will begin meeting with regional groups; Alliance – 1/26/2011.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Senatorial Briefing – Tuesday, March 29, 2011 @ Noon Central Time – State Capitol Room 1023; RDC Meeting to follow.

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