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**Rural Development Commission Meeting XXIII**  
**September 13, 2011**  
**Brahmer's Steakhouse**  
**Thedford, NE**

### Meeting Minutes

Chair M.L. Martin called the meeting to order with 16 Commissioners and 7 Guests present.

Self-introduction of guests: Terry Rajewich, NPPD; Terry Licking, Tom Witt, NE ByWays; Twyla Witt, DED; Shirley Neidig; Tula Jamison and Anna Hicks.

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 Senator Hansen. Motion carried with a roll call voice vote.

Gary Hamer presented an overview of current and future changes that are or will be taking place within DED as a result of new legislation.

### Project Updates

- **Sandhills Project:** Linda Fettig and M.L. Martin presented an overview of the community and county meetings they attended and the feedback received. Linda advised the commission of the agenda for the following day at the Sandhills Summit.
- **MINK Project:** The project is moving forward; however, due to flooding in Iowa and Nebraska project participants are busy dealing with various issues, putting meetings on hold.
- **Governor's Conference on Rural Development:** Linda advised the Governor's Conference was scheduled for April 18, 2012 in North Platte. Additional information will be presented as time grows closer.

**Public Comments:** Terry Licking voiced her concern over various businesses closing in the area and her belief that within 10 years most of the small businesses in the area will no longer exist. Discussion took place.

### 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*

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>PRESENT ABSENT</b>	<b>MOTION #1 Consent Agenda</b>	<b>MOTION #2 Legislative Positions</b>	<b>MOTION #3 Executive Committee</b>
	X-A	Y-N-A	Y-N-A	Y-N-A
Steven Ausdemore	X	X		
Richard Baier (Gary Hamer)	X	A		
Jeremiah Blake	X	X		
Karl Elmshaeuser	X	X		
Judi gaiashkibos	A			
Senator Tom Hansen	X			
Edgar Hicks	X	X		
Greg Ibach (Lindsey Salestrom)	X	X		
K. Kirk Jamison	X	X		
Charles Karpf, Jr.	A			
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	A			
Michael Smith	X	X		
Michael Teahon	X	X		
Kerry Winterer	X	X		