



## RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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### **Executive Committee:**

M.L. Martin  
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### **Other Commissioners:**

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

### **Staff:**

Linda Fettig  
Executive Director

Sandi Kaskie  
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## **Rural Development Commission Meeting XVIII January 7, 2010 Ferguson House, Lincoln, NE Meeting Minutes**

The January meeting of the Rural Development Commission followed a briefing luncheon for state senators and their staff. Annual reports are ready for distribution but due to the snowstorm were not available for the meeting. They will be delivered to the senators and mailed to the commissioners.

Chair M.L. Martin called the meeting to order with 10 Commissioners and two agency representatives present (Gary Hamer, DED and Ginger Langemeier, DoA). The meeting opened with self-introduction of commissioners and agency representatives.

Open Meeting Law information was available for viewing and located on a table in the front of the room.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Marge Lauer and seconded by Karl Elmshaeuser.

### **Rural Views Committee Report**

The photo contest was well received with 118 adult entries, four youth entries, and seven elementary entries. An email announcing the winners was sent to all participants and the Nebraska listserve. Linda is working with DED IT staff to prepare a photo journal of all the entries and which will be posted on the RDC website. Prizes consisted of being featured in upcoming RDC newsletters. All entrants will be informed when their photos are used. Linda will prepare certificates to be mailed to the winners. A notebook with copies of the entries was passed around for viewing.

### **Telecommunications Committee Report**

Karl reported that broadband mapping will be completed under the American Recovery Act and Apex has been contracted to work in Nebraska. Maxine shared information about a USDA-RD grant to Cambridge and Bartley to wire every residence in their community. Other communities are considering similar infrastructure improvements.

A round table discussion followed the committee reports with commissioners discussing future commission programming, budget concerns, and other topics of general interest.

A committee consisting of Mike Smith, Tim Shafer, Richard Baier, Marge Lauer, M.L. Martin and Ginger Langemeier was formed to investigate some development possibilities in the Sandhills.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

September – VAA and BECA grant application deadlines (funding permitting)

November 18, 2010 – RDC meeting in Kearney

November 19, 2010 – Governor’s Conference on Rural Development – Kearney

Meeting adjourned.

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**Meeting: January 7, 2010 - Lincoln**

COMMISSIONER	ATTENDANCE (X = Present)	MOTION #1 Consent Agenda	MOTION #2  N/A
	X	Y-N-A	Y-N-A
Steve Ausdemore	A		
Richard Baier (Gary Hamer)	X	Y	
Karl Elmshaeuser	X	Y	
Ross Garwood	A		
Edgar Hicks	A		
Greg Ibach (Ginger Langemeier)	X	Y	
John Jordison	A		
Charles Karpf	A		
Marge Lauer	X	Y	
M.L. Martin	X	Y	
Mark L. Matulka	X	Y	
Gayle McClure	A		
Marilyn Mecham	X	Y	
Lance Morgan	A		
Maxine Moul	X	Y	
Bryce Neidig	A		
Connie Reimers-Hild	A		
Tim Shafer	X	Y	
Michael Smith	X	Y	
Sen. Stuthman	X		
Kerry Winterer	X		

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