



RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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Rural Development Commission Meeting XVII

November 5, 2009

Holiday Inn & Convention Center – Room D, 110 2nd Avenue, Kearney, NE
Meeting Minutes

Chair M.L. Martin called the meeting to order with 12 Commissioners and two agency representatives present. The meeting opened with self-introduction of commissioners and guests (Christian Hornbaker, DED; Dan Hoffman, Invest Nebraska; Tim O'Brien, DED; and Julie Brooker, Senator Johanns' office).

M.L. Martin stated that a copy of the Open Meeting Laws were available for viewing and located on the table in the back of the room.

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

Presentations

Edgar Hicks, CFO Systems, LLC and RDC Commissioner, presented an overview of Innovative Recusitation Technologies (IRT) research company and the impact the VivaSure project IRT is working on will have in the medical community of the United States. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Edgar.

Christian Hornbaker, Nebraska Division of Travel & Tourism Director, presented an update of the progress the division has been making with the "Possibilities Endless" slogan. Additionally, Christian addressed travel and tourism's mission and goals over the next few months.

Dan Hoffman, Director of Invest Nebraska Corporation, presented an overview of what Invest Nebraska Corporation does and the important role they have with new entrepreneurs in Nebraska.

Tim O'Brien, DED Business Development Manager, presented information about the Nebraska Department of Economic Development's speculative Power Park Program and the importance of Technology and Tech Parks in Nebraska. Additionally, Tim presented an overview of the statewide broadband mapping that is being lead by the Public Service Commission.

Telecommunications Committee Report

Chair Karl Elmshaeuser, on behalf of the Telecommunications Committee, inquired as to what role or assistance the RDC Commission could provide to DED during the statewide broadband mapping project. Karl's question will be considered and a response will be provided at a later date.

Legislative Committee

Linda Fettig, on behalf of Chair Ross Garwood, advised the commission that she, M.L. Martin and Ross Garwood met with a representative of the State Chamber, representatives from Farm Bureau and Maxine Moul of USDA Rural Development to discuss concurring goals and concerns of the agencies.

Additionally, Linda advised that the Unicameral is currently introducing bills and suggested that the commission watch the legislation to see if there is proposed legislation the commission would like to address.

Linda also advised that Nebraska Code Agencies would be taking a 2.5% budget cut this year and 5% next year.

Rural Nebraska Views Committee

On behalf of Chair Chuck Karpf, Linda advised that photos are being submitted by individuals interested in the photo contest and that she is coordinating with DED tourism staff, as they also have a photo contest taking place. Linda has met a Nebraska photographer that has agreed to assist with the judging.

Commissioner Recognition – John Jordison, previous commission chair, and Gayle McClure, previous commission vice- chair, were recognized for their service to the Commission.

BECA & VAA Grant Application Updates – Linda advised that the current grant applications for both programs are under review. Due to budget constraints, pre-application workshops were not provided this year, and it showed in the quality of the grant applications submitted. However, there are several good projects requesting assistance.

Linda also advised that two more Listen and Learn sessions have been scheduled: November 19th in Ogallala and November 20th in McCook.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- November 19, 2009 – Listen & Learn Session, ESU 16, 314 West 1st Street, Ogallala, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.
- November 20, 2009 – Listen & Learn Session, Weeth Theater in Tipton Hall on the McCook campus of Mid-Plains Community College, 402 E. M Street, McCook, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- January 7, 2010 – RDC Senatorial Briefing, Ferguson House, Lincoln, time to be announced
- April – Video Meeting – to be determined
- August – to be determined
- November – Governor's Conference on Rural Development

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting – January 7, 2010 – Ferguson House, Lincoln, time to be announced

Minutes were prepared by Sandi Kaskie, and reviewed by Linda Fettig.

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

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