



Rural Development Commission Meeting XIII
April 18, 2006, 12:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Gothenburg Public Library, Gothenburg, Nebraska
Meeting Minutes

Chair Marcia Baumann called the meeting to order with 17 Commissioners present. Others present were Rick Nelsen, Lori Cappel, Jen Wolf, Linda Black, Peter Morris, DeEtta Hartman and Anne Anderson.

Motion to approve the Agenda; the January 11, 2006, RDC Minutes; and the Director's Report was made by Matt Williams and seconded by Tim Shafer. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call voice vote.

Anne Anderson, Executive Director of the Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce, and Commissioner Matt Williams gave a presentation on Gothenburg's growth and expansion. Matt also advised of the growth taking place in the near future.

DeEtta Hartman, Strategic Planning Facilitator, was introduced. The Marketing, Legislative and Finance Committees gave their reports. With the assistance of DeEtta, the Commission prioritized their work plan and organizational issues. Motion to approve the work plan was made by Tim Kenny and seconded by Christine Peterson. Specific Work Plan goals will be posted on the RDC website at rdc.neded.org.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Christine Peterson and seconded by Matt Williams. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call voice vote.

The Nominating Committee reported that terms for the following Commissioners will expire at the end of June 2006:

*Heidi Phillips	*Jane Morgan
*Matt Williams	*Kyla Wize
*Marcia Baumann	*Jamie Renshaw
*Bob Stowell	

Heidi Phillips has voiced her interest in serving as a Commissioner for another term. Individuals recommended for Commissioners are Larry Cooper, Bob Gustafson, and Chuck Karpf. Rick Nelsen and Roberta Pinkerton have been recommended to serve on committees. Discussion took place.

Commissioner Edgar Hicks was nominated to fill the unexpired term as chair. Gayle McClure was nominated to fill the unexpired term as vice chair. Motion was made to approve the Nominating Committee Report by Gary Warren and seconded by John Jordison. Linda will forward the recommendations to the Governor.

The National Rural Development Partnership conference was held in Washington, DC, March 27 and 28. The Partners for Rural America held its annual meeting on March 26 combining the two efforts. Commissioners Scot Blehm, Edgar Hicks, Chuck Hassebrook and Executive Director, Linda Fettig represented Nebraska. The conference attendees gave a report.

Linda reported the first Building Entrepreneurial Communities grants have been announced by the Governor's office. Nebraska Rural Development Commission reviewed 13 applications in all before forwarding their recommendations to the Governor. Governor Dave Heineman awarded \$140,090 in funding to nine projects.

Linda advised she would be traveling to various locations within the state to provide informational workshops about the application process for Building Entrepreneurial Communities, as well as, Agricultural Innovation and Value-Added grants.

The Commission said farewell to the retiring Commissioners and thanked them for all of their hard work.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next RDC meeting is scheduled for June 7th in North Platte.

Minutes were prepared by Sandi Kaskie, reviewed by Linda Fettig, and are presented on behalf of Senator Stuhr, Commission Secretary.

COMMISSIONER	PRESENT	MOTION #1 Consent Agenda	MOTION #2 Work Plan	MOTION #3 Treasurer's Report	MOTION #4 Nominations
	ABSENT	Y-N-A	Y-N-A	Y-N-A	Y-N-A
Richard Baier	P	Y	Y	A	Y
Marcia Baumann	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
Scot Blehm	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ross Garwood	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mary Gerdes	A				
Chuck Hassebrook	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
Edgar Hicks	P	Y	Y	Y	A
Dan Hoffman	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
Greg Ibach	A				
John Jordison	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tim Kenny	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
M.L. Martin	A				
Gayle McClure	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marilyn Mecham	A				
Jane Morgan	A				
Lance Morgan	P	A	A	A	A
Bryce Neidig	A				
Christine Peterson	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
Heidi Phillips	A				
Jamie Renshaw	A				
Tim Shafer	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sandy Scofield	A				
Bob Stowell	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senator Elaine Stuhr	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gary Warren	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
Matt Williams	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kyla Wize	A				

M.L. was present for committee meetings prior to RDC meeting.