



March 16, 2006

The Annual Meeting of the Furnas/Harlan Partnership was called to order by Ken Becker at 6:07 p.m. on March 16, 2006. and a quorum was established. The location of the meeting was the Orleans Hotel in Orleans, NE.

Those in attendance were Bill Hogeland, Alma, David Daire, Alma, Jerry Meyerle, Holbrook, Twin Valleys PPD, Lisa Rhynalds, Oxford, Corey tenBensel, Alma Twin Valleys PPD, Tom Arnett, Orleans, Todd Eichenberger, Arapahoe, Neal McInturf, Oxford, Ken Becker, Beaver City, and Rosie Stockton, Cambridge.

Motion made by Jerry Meyerle, seconded by Neal McInturf, to approve the minutes as written. The treasurer's report was given by Todd Eichenberger. Amount in checking today is \$16,305. There were no bills outstanding at this time.

Rosie Stockton reviewed the Director's report item by item to update the board on what had been covered and what was going on in the Furnas/Harlan region.

During the discussion, considerable interest was expressed in the Biz Find Web Site. The cost for this project would be \$1,800. Once community dues were paid, there might be the possibility of selling ads for this service to the other members. It was suggested to invite interested communities to the next meeting and invite Odee Ingersoll to the next meeting for a complete explanation of the program.

The Snow Bird Express Freeway was discussed in the meeting. There has been considerable discussion on what benefits this could bring to Nebraska if it is established. Motion by Todd, second by Neal, to pass a resolution of support of the Snowbird Express.

Information was reviewed on Household Hazardous Waste Pickup, Board Training, and Red Carpet Training. Rosie will not be able to attend the March 30<sup>th</sup> Training Meeting of Red Carpet Training.

Todd reported that a quote for liability insurance should be available next week.

**New Business**

Nominations for Chairman – Motion by Jerry , Second by Neal, for Ken Becker for Chairman. Passed Unanimously.

Nominations for Vice-Chairman – Motion by Neal, Second by Jerry, for Todd Eichenberger for Vice-Chairman. Passed Unanimously.

Nominations for Treasurer – Motion by Ken, Second by Neal, for Todd Eichenberger for Treasurer.

Nominations for Secretary – Motion by Neal, Second by Bill, for Nicole Downy as secretary.

Special Thanks to Cathy John for her work as secretary for this group.

By-laws for the Republican River Valley Community Foundation were briefly discussed and motion by Jerry, second by Todd, to approve the By-laws as written. Passed Unanimous.

Rosie told us that it can take between 3 and 18 months to hear back on the Form 1023 application. Tom Patterson has been assisting in the development of these by-laws. Twin Valleys has provided his service as “in-kind” to the organization.

Meeting was closed at 7:03 p.m.

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Board Chairman

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Attest