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The Furnas-Harlan Partnership Board met on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at the Oxford Village Office, Oxford, Nebraska. The meal was courtesy of Ag Valley Coop-Edison and served by Ampride of Oxford.

At 6:00 p.m., those members present were: Tom Arnett and Sandy Massey - Orleans, Ken Becker and Tom Biros - Beaver City, Bill Minnick - TVPPD, Rosie Stockton - Coordinator Director, and Sherry Glur - Oxford.

At 6:32 p.m. the meeting was officially called to order by Ken. He welcomed the following visitors: Bruce Lans – Board member of TVPPD and Steve Meyer – Trailblazer RC & D (Red Cloud).

The minutes from the March 19, 2009 annual meeting was unanimous approved.

#### Reports and Announcements:

Treasurer's Report: Todd was not present but had the balances on the following accounts available via Rosie: \$11,286.79 on the checking account. CD No. 1 held \$5,319.50, CD No. 2 held \$5,447.82 and CD No. 3 held \$5,252.31.

Director's Report: Rosie has been working on CDBG documentation for Beaver City and Oxford. The second year Leadership Plenty class has completed their training. She has attended numerous area Chamber of Commerce and council meetings. Rosie recently completed training from the Economic Development Institute in Oklahoma. She has been doing research in stimulus grants for our area towns. She has been doing various media interviews and developing reports all of which are ongoing.

Old Business: None.

New Business: This board had five (5) topics to discuss.  
(1) Budget - Member towns have not had a fee increase since 2005-2006. Additional funds from communities must be requested. Twin Valley Public Power District increased their membership fee last year. A discussion was held and

- (2) member towns will be asked to increase their funding by an additional ten percent (10%). Rosie will send out request letters to the area councils. (2) Mileage – Rosie requested consideration by the board for reimbursement of mileage (one (1) way) to the Economic Development Institute in Oklahoma. Tom A. made a motion to grant Rosie mileage (one (1) way) at the state rate of .55cents/mile. Tom B. seconded and it was unanimously approved. (3) Broadband – Bill presented information concerning Y Max wireless broadband system/smart grid system. It is the intent of TVPPD to be proactive and initiate this internet based protocol. It would benefit not only TWPPD but our entire area. It is the hope of TVPPD to partner with ATC and Pinpoint. Discussion will be had between said entities soon. (4) Leading Locally (formerly Leadership Plenty) - Discussion on whether there is still interest in offering of said class. It would be the intent to have this class in Oxford at Steamer's one evening a month. Sherry motioned to offer this class and Sandy seconded. With no one opposed, it passed unanimously. (5) CDBG Certification – Rosie had a discussion concerning the need for her to be certified to administer CDBG grants of which have been applied for. Years ago she had such certification but it has since lapsed. It was unanimously passed that she should seek certification for administration of said grants.

Other Business: Rosie will be attending a workshop entitled "National Scenic Byways Conference in August. Adrian Smith is seeking nominations for his Third District Excellence in Economic Development. Furnas-Harlan Partnership will apply. Prairie Fire distribution has increased from a circulation of 30,000 to 50,000. Rosie will have an article coming out soon. Rosie mentioned that the Furnas-Harlan Partnership office will be moving from its' current location. She will keep the board informed as to where she will move her office.

There being no further business, the meeting was officially adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be hosted by Twin Valley Public Power District in Cambridge. It will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Sherry Glur, Secretary