

Furnas/Harlan Partnership

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Tom Arnett - Orleans
Sandy Massey - Orleans

Don Tegtman - Furnas County

On Thursday, September 17, 2009, the Furnas-Harlan Partnership Board met in Cambridge at Twin Valleys Public Power Meeting Room. At 6:00 p.m., the meal was served courtesy of Twin Valleys Public Power.

Present were the following members: Tom Arnett - Orleans, Ken Becker - Beaver City, Bill Minnick, Jerry Meyerle, and Jim Dietz - TVPPD, Rosie Stockton - Coordinator Director, Don Tegtman – Furnas County, Dale Long – Holbrook, Todd Eichenberger – Arapahoe and Sherry Glur - Oxford.

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Becker at 6:30 p.m. He offered his welcome to those in attendance and informed everyone of the Opens Meeting Act.

The minutes from the May 21, 2009 meeting was reviewed. Dale motioned for approval and Don made the second. It was unanimously approved.

Reports and Announcements--

Treasurer's Report:

Todd presented the following balances: \$6,562.06 on the checking account. CD No. 1 held \$5,334.75, CD No. 2 held \$5,466.91 and CD No. 3 held \$5,274.44.

Director's Report:

FHP received the Economic in Excellence Award for the Third District. Rosie has been attending various meetings throughout the area. She has been providing continued technical assistance to the Orleans Fire Department. Rosie recently accompanied Lt. Governor Sheehy and Andrea McClintic from the NE Department of Economic Development on a tour of the Oxford Locker and Kauffman Trailers (Beaver City). Rosie had been asked by Twin Valleys Public Power to serve on a committee which will be involved in the USDA revolving loan/grant fund for the Tri-Valley Hospital. The Arapahoe and Holbrook siren grant, BECA grant, and CDBG grant for Oxford are still continuing projects. A full report for June-September can be reviewed upon request or received at a later date.

Old Business:

The request for additional 10% funding was approved by Beaver City, Holbrook and Orleans. It was not approved by Arapahoe or Oxford. Furnas County will remain at the current rate and TVPPD voluntarily increased their rate last fiscal year and maintained that increase.

Ken updated the Board on the recent recommendations from the Finance Committee meeting which was held on September 10, 2009 in Oxford. It was suggested that a grant writing fee schedule be closely looked at for additional income.

Rosie reviewed the Mission Statement and areas of emphasis.

New Business:

A review of last year's income and expenses were discussed. Todd mentioned that the budget was made in the red then. However, it came into the black before year's end.

The Finance Committee proposed said budget for fiscal year October 1, 2009 to September 20, 2010 of \$40,675.00 with a deficit of approximately \$6,000.00. After much discussion, a motion was made by Tom. A second came from Dale and the board unanimously approved the proposed budget.

Todd suggested that the reimbursement of Rosie's expenses be averaged based on the past years and it calculated to \$400.00 per month. Said expense would be included with the wage in one (1) check. In the past, Rosie had received two (2) checks. Tom motioned and Don seconded. It was unanimously approved by the members present.

Next on the agenda was the Director's contract. A motion was made by Dale and a second by Jerry to approve \$3,300.00 a month based on 30 hours a week. This came to a total of 1,560 hours for \$39,600.00. This was unanimously approved.

With the economy as it is, it was suggested not to go back seeking dues from the private entities.

Rosie asked if there would be continued support of the Leadership Class being offered through the UNL Extension for area citizens. Arrangements would be arranged as to time and dates of classes. FHP members offered their support in its continuation.

Next on the agenda was FHP's dues to other entities. Sherry motioned to approve \$250.00 to PK Partnership, \$20.00 to Heritage Highway and continued free membership to Grow Nebraska and \$75 to South Platte United Chambers of Commerce. Todd made the second and it was unanimously approved.

The Board sought to discuss the grant structure and fees to assist with narrowing of the budget deficit. It was stated that each community and entity should be informed that when a grant is sought through FHP, they are required to assist in information collection. It is not Rosie's or FHP's responsibility to do this. Todd motioned that the minimum application fee to FHP should be \$250.00 regardless of success of the grant. An additional one percent (1%) over a \$5,000.00 grant award would be at an additional cost to the entity or community that requested said grant. The one percent (1%) would be waived only if an administrative fee was written into the grant of which FHP would be the recipient. Tom made the second on Todd's motion and it was unanimously passed.

All board members were given an evaluation sheet to complete on Rosie. Ken asked that he receive it prior to the next board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was officially adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be hosted by the Furnas County Commissioners at the Brandin Iron in Beaver City. The date for said meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Ken Becker, President

Sherry Glur, Secretary