



The Furnas/Harlan Partnership met at the city offices in Beaver City, Nebraska at 6:00 pm on Thursday, November 30, 2006.

Present: Ken Becker-Beaver City, Nicole Downey-Arapahoe, Scott Fisher-Arapahoe Bill Minnick-Twin Valleys PPD, Stan Knuth-Oxford, Dale Long-Holbrook, Rosie Stockton-Furnas/Harlan Partnership, Glen Gatz-USDA Rural Development, Tom Patterson-County Attorney, and Linda Tomilson-Beaver City Chamber of Commerce

Ken Becker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

The minutes of October 19, 2006 were read. Motion to approve minutes by Long and seconded by Minnick. All ayes minutes approved.

Becker welcomed Glen Gatz, USDA Rural Development. Glen informed those present of the Grants and Loans Programs offered which are Direct, Guarantee, and Grant for non-profit organizations or communities under 20,000 populations. Gatz discussed municipality programs, bonded debt, median household income status of communities, and housing rehabilitation.

The following are a few of the communities and the median household income status: Beaver City - \$27,443, Orleans - \$25,179, Arapahoe - \$29,500, Holbrook - \$25,313, and Oxford - \$33,490.

Tom Patterson, Furnas County Attorney, discussed the delinquent tax sale of properties, substandard properties, and condemning properties and the process that municipalities and counties shall follow.

Treasurer's Report: Account balance as of November 30, 2006 was \$16,909.55. The checking account is interest bearing and a \$10,000 CD was purchased on 10/31/06.

Rosie Stockton reviewed the Director's Report. Highlighting the educational sessions that are scheduled January – April 2007.

Also discussed was grant writing and how it benefits the partnership. A motion was made by Knuth, seconded by Long to allow for each paying member to receive ONE (1) Free grant service per year, based on the Fiscal Year (October-September), and any grants beyond to be on a fee basis. All ayes, motion carried.

Nebraska EDGE Business Training Course was discussed. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Minnick to sponsor the Bronze level of \$500 and to pay with use of the BECA funds and Partnership match. All Ayes, motion carried.

Old business was discussed.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2007 at 6:00 pm at Twin Valleys in Cambridge.

Motion by Long and seconded by Knuth to adjourn. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Ken Becker, Chairman

Attest:

Nicole Downey, Secretary