



Furnas/Harlan Partnership Meeting

February 19, 2004

The Furnas/Harlan Partnership met at the Country Club in Alma, Nebraska at 4:00 p.m. on February 19th, 2004.

Present: Bob Bettger-Staff of Congressman Osborne, Jen Bolen-DED, Mike Eberle-Cambridge, Todd Eichenberger-Arapahoe, Linda Fettig-NEDED, Bill Hogeland-Alma, Cathy John-Beaver City, Ken Johnson-Twin Valleys, Ed Newcomb-Twin Valleys, Marcia Roberts-Harlan County, Corey tenBensel-Twin Valleys and Dennis Wolzen-Oxford.

Ken Johnson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Ken requests that the minutes reflect the representatives present also include who they are representing.

A quorum was established.

The meeting opened with a discussion of the By-Laws. All present accepted the By-Laws as presented with the exception that the principal office of the governing body shall be PO Box 160, Cambridge, NE 69022 and that each entity represented appoint a first and second alternate for representation and to be able to vote. Motion by Hoagland, second by Eichenberger to adopt the By-Laws with the suggested changes. All Aye. Motion carried.

Dennis Wolzen recommended Bill Hogeland as Chairman, Vice Chariman Marcia Roberts and Cathy John as secretary/treasurer. Motion by Bill Hogeland, second by Roberts to nominated Ken Johnson as Chairman, Todd Eichenberger as Vice Chairman/Treasurer Cathy John as secretary. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The work plan proposal was discussed. It was decided that the plan was good but needed to be simplified and broken down further. Committee will re-work and present at the next meeting.

Jen Bolen from DED discussed NCIP. She gave a brief history of NCIP. It is a recognition program for communities. She felt that the Partnership should apply for the Founders Award and would give us good publicity. NCIP encourages all communities to participate in this recognition program.

Bob Bettger of Congressman Osborne's Staff presented a power point program on CRP and conservation for hunting. He also discussed the Burning Trails group.

Kaye Payne from the center for Research and Development does LMI surveys for CDBG grant qualification. Bill Hogeland will contact Kaye Payne and express the Patnership's desire to do LMI surveys and a grant application.

The next meeting will be held at the Community Building in Beaver City April 1, 2004 from 4:00-6:00p.m.

Attending members ordered Pizza Hut and enjoyed the meal immensely.

Adjournment by mutual consent