



Furnas/Harlan Partnership Meeting

April 1, 2004

The Furnas/Harlan Partnership met at the Community Building in Beaver City, Nebraska at 4:00 p.m. on April 1, 2004.

Present: Ken Becker-Beaver City, Harry Brown-Hendley, Todd Eichenberger-Arapahoe, Linda Fettig-NEDED, Merle Illian-Trailblazer RC&D, Cathy John-Beaver City, Ken Johnson-Twin Valleys, Gerald Meyerle-Twin Valleys, Ed Newcomb-Twin Valleys, Corey tenBensel-Twin Valleys, Marcia Roberts-Harlan County, Fran Thooft-Beaver City and Thomas Tomas-Orleans. Also present: Jay Hall, Erma Hall, Elsie Hall and Phil Olsen of Beaver City.

Ken Johnson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

A quorum was established.

Motion by Roberts, second by Becker to approve 2-19-04 minutes with the spelling correction on Bill Hogeland's name. RVC: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Ken Johnson has asked all members to select an alternate to the Board so it will be easier to maintain a quorum. All members please have these alternates selected by the May 20, 2004 meeting.

The Chairman asked the Board members to volunteer to set on one of the Focus Groups now established.

Alternative Ag – Fran Thooft

B,R,E & Start-up – Todd Eichenberger

Technology – still open

Rec. & Tourism – still open

Housing – Marsha Roberts

The Work Plan draft was discussed. A few suggestions for changes were made. Todd Eichenberger will be the chairman of the Budget Committee. He will draft a budget to be included in the Work Plan.

Corey tenBensel will make changes in the Work Plan for the next meeting. Motion by Tomas, second by Brown to accept the Work Plan draft with the suggested changes. RCV: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Jay Hall addressed the Board regarding a request for financial aid to help him attend a training course on economic development to be held in Kansas City, Missouri this month. Cost is \$805.00 for the five day course. Motion by Tomas, second by Roberts to give Jay Hall \$100.00 towards this course. RCV: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Future meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 20th tentatively at Arapahoe at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda for the next meeting was discussed. It will include a report from Jay Hall and Work Plan discussion.

Sandwiches and a vegetable tray were offered after the meeting.

Adjournment by mutual consent.