



Furnas Harlan Partnership Meeting

April 21, 2005

The Furnas/Harlan Partnership met at the Community Building in Beaver City, Nebraska at 4:00 p.m. on April 21, 2005.

Present: Ken Becker – Beaver City, Tim Cooley-Oxford, , Mike Eberle-Cambridge, Todd Eichenberger-Arapahoe, Jay Hall – Beaver City, Cathy John – Beaver City, Ken Johnson- Twin Valleys, Carl J. Kramer-Oxford, Gerald Meyerle-Holbrook, Ed Newcomb – Twin Valleys, Richard Sanne-Neb. Dept. of Agriculture, Chris Schluntz-Republican City/Harlan Co. Cattlemen, Kerri Sheldon-Harlan Co. Journal, Roger Stockton-Cambridge/SWRC&D, Rosie Stockton - Cambridge, Corey ten Bensel-Twin Valleys, Fran Thooft-Beaver City, Thomas Tomas-Orleans and Dennis Wolzen – Oxford.

Ken Johnson opened the annual meeting and welcomed everyone.

Roll Call was taken. A quorum was established.

Motion by Wolzen, second by Tomas to approve minutes of March 18, 2004.

All Ayes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Todd Eichenberger. The account balance is \$1865.69. Motion by Wolzen, second by Becker to approve Treasurer's report. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Thomas Tomas reported on the Nebraska Food Cooperative. Would like to include this item on the May 19th Public Forum at Southern Valley School.

Ken Johnson reported on the progress of the Community and County presentations. He thanked everyone that was present at the presentations and announced that Tuesday, April 26th at 1:00 p.m. to the Furnas County Commissioners and will be the last presentation. Everyone's participation would be appreciated. Johnson also announced that Arapahoe has elected to support FHP for 5 years. Congratulations to Todd Eichenberger for his efforts.

Rosie Stockton reported that the first attempt to qualify for a housing re-hab grant through Kellogg has failed, but is in the process of applying for another grant through Bancorp for a re-hab grant.

Beverly Anderson from Mid-Nebraska in Kearney is going to have a public hearing for a housing re-hab grant for FHP for \$270,000.00 for 12 homes averaging \$18,125.00 per house. She hopes to have the public hearing at the May 19th meeting.

Richard Sanne from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture presented information on Livestock Friendly Counties legislature. This is legislature promoting a partnership between the Department of Agriculture and County Government to aid in promoting livestock production.

Carl Kramer from Oxford presented information on the Red Carpet Service program for tourism training for front line people. Would like to get FHP involved in the promotion of this service.

Motion by Becker, second by Eberle to have FHP promote the Red Carpet Service program. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The draft for the 501 (c) 3 by-laws was discussed. Finalizing the by-laws will be tabled until the May meeting.

Updating the work plan was discussed.

An Economic Development video conference workshop will be held April 27th in Kearney.

Jay Hall addressed the FHP regarding a leadership development program he will be attending.

A Foundation Workshop will be held in Ogallala, June 1, 2 & 3rd. The cost is \$200.00 per person.

The next meeting date will be a public forum May 19th at Southern Valley School from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Adjournment by mutual consent.

A taco bar was served following the meeting.

Catherine L. John

Secretary