



## Furnas/Harlan Partnership Steering Committee Meeting May 20, 2003

Present: Rick Nelson, NPPD; Tara Hosick, DED; Bill Hogeland, Alma; Todd Eichenberger, Arapahoe; Andela Taylor, Cambridge; Cathy John, Hendley; Ken Johnson, Twin Valley, Cambridge; Ed Newcomb, Twin Valley, Cambridge; Linda Fettig, DED and Amanda Weyhrich.

The meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Cambridge Community Building.

The BR&E Survey results were discussed. Some valuable information was gathered from conducting the surveys. Two of the most significant were the dollars anticipated being spent on capital investment/improvement and the number of businesses that thought there was a possibility of adding new employees to their workforce.

Amanda Weyhrich, Pinpoint Communications in Cambridge is putting together a Website for the Furnas/Harlan Partnership. She has been working with Twin Valleys to gather the information and get the site up and running. There was discussion on what should/shouldn't be on the site. Amanda was given some direction from the group and will proceed. (Pinpoint's Roger Hoffman has volunteered her time to design the site!)

There was discussion about the Future Direction of the Furnas/Harlan Partnership. It was the consensus of those present that the group needs to be formally organized and develop a plan to gather funds to hire a fulltime person to run the Partnership along with related expenses to conduct the operation for the group. There has been discussion with some of the village boards and city councils and they appear to be supportive and receptive to the idea. There was considerable discussion about developing a job description and the duties of the individual hired.

The next Furnas/Harlan Partnership Steering Committee meeting will be July 16, in Alama.