



## **Furnas/Harlan Partnership Meeting**

### **May 20, 2004**

The Furnas/Harlan Partnership met at the Ella Missing Center, Arapahoe, Nebraska at 4:00 p.m. on May 20, 2004.

Present: Ken Becker-Beaver City, Harry Brown-Hendley, Michael Eberle-Cambridge, Todd Eichenberger-Arapahoe, Bill Hogeland-Alma, Cathy John-Beaver City, Dale Long-Holbrook, Rick Nelson,-NPPD, Ed Newcomb-Twin Valleys, Merle Pfeiffer-Twin Valleys, Keith Roberts-Orleans, Marcia Roberts-Harlan County, Sue Roberts-Orleans, Corey ten Bensel-Twin Valleys, Thomas Tomas-Orleans and Dennis Wolzen-Oxford.

Todd Eichenberger opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.  
A quorum was established.

Motion by Marcia Roberts, second by Tomas to approve 04-01-04 minutes. Call for Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker, second by Marcia Roberts to approve Resolution #1, Government Resolution for Intent to Enter NCIP Founders Award. Call for Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Todd Eichenberger gave the Treasurer's report. A check in the amount of \$50.00 to the Secretary of State for Articles of Incorporation fee. Balance is \$2615.00. Motion by Becker, second by Tomas to approve expenses and report as presented. Call for vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Keith Roberts reported on goat operation in Kingman, Kansas. The owner is USDA approved now and the operation is up and going. He also reported that the Alma-Orleans Farmers Markets will start around July 4th. Alma will open theirs from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday mornings and Orleans will have theirs 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday evenings.

Roger Hoffman has agreed to head the Technology focus group.

Mama's Salsa's open house is set for May 24, 2004 from 1 to 5 p.m. The FHP will serve coffee and tea.

A flyer was presented and approved. The flyer will be available at the open house May 24th.

Completion of the next step in the application for the Founders Award was discussed. Deadline for this step is August 31, 2004. Becker will try to gather resources to proceed with this step.

The 501 (3)(C) filing status was discussed.

Attempting to set up a revolving fund account to aid area businesses was discussed. Several ideas were discussed including programs offered by USDA.

Motion by Tomas, second by Wolzen to contact Glen Gatz of USDA to speak at the next meeting. Call for vote: All Ayes. Motion carried. Corey TenBensel will contact Mr. Gatz.

Bill Hogeland reported on the Community survey project. Kaye Payne has not contacted him regarding the progress, except that she was working on it. He will report again at the next meeting.

FHP work plan progress was discussed. Marcia Roberts suggested having the brochures available at the South Platte meeting June 8th at the Orleans Ag Building. Eichenberger suggested having the brochures at

the Furnas County Fair in July. Dennis Wolzen suggested having the brochures at the S.W.A.T. meeting June 24, 2004 at the Legion Club in Oxford.

A Publicity Committee will be formed. Suggested having Andela Taylor of Cambridge and Doug Garey of Beaver City Times Tribune serve on this committee.

Most of the objectives from the 3 month plan have been met. Six month objectives were discussed.

Ed Newcomb needs a contact person from each Community to complete information and update Nedi and Lois. This could then be linked to the FHP website.

Funding from participating entities was discussed.

Next meeting will be June 17, 2004 at the Oxford Club House 4-6 p.m.

Motion by Marcia Roberts, second by Tomas to adjourn. Call for vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.