



## Furnas/Harlan Partnership Meeting

### June 17, 2004

The Furnas/Harlan Partnership met at the Cardinal Club House in Oxford, Nebraska at 4:00 p.m. on June 17, 2004.

Present: Ken Becker-Beaver City, Mike Eberle-Cambridge, Todd Eichenberger-Arapahoe, Cathy John-Beaver City, Buck Logsdon, Ed Newcomb-Twin Valleys, Marcia Roberts-Harlan County, Andela Taylor-Cambridge ED, Corey ten Bensel-Twin Valleys, Thomas Tomas-Orleans, Lester White-Orleans and Dennis Wolzen-Oxford.

Also present: Glen Gatz-USDA.

Todd Eichenberger opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

A quorum was established.

Motion by Roberts, second by Tomas to approve 5-20-04 minutes. RCV: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Todd Eichenberger gave the Treasurer's report as unchanged from May balance motion by Tomas, second by Becker to accept the Treasurer's report. RCV: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Ed Newcomb requested a representative from each entity to update and work with him on NEDI. Please give him a call ASAP. An older Furnas County Facts Book will be updated by Twin Valleys. Ed will be contacting each community for current information.

A discussion on getting focus groups geared up again was discussed. Having them participate in the public meetings was suggested. We need to get them active again.

A report on the Mama's Salsa was given by Thomas Tomas. Approximately 400 people attended the opening. FHP attendance was extremely good. Thank you to those who participated.

Progress on NCIP Founders Award was reported on by Becker. Doug Garey will be working on the application.

Capacity Building application update was discussed.

Glen Gatz from USDA discussed a network group for our area. Included in this group were USDA, DED, NPPD and others to aid in obtaining funding. He suggested that census information be examined to get LMI and MHI stats. Both factors are important in qualifying for financing programs. USDA offers many different and diverse financial programs for several different areas of need. Mr. Gatz provided an immense amount of information on these programs.

SWAT will be held in Oxford June 24, 2004 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 15th tentatively at Orleans 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 salads were offered after the meeting.

Adjournment by mutual consent.