



## Furnas/Harlan Partnership Meeting July 15, 2004

The Furnas/Harlan Partnership met at the Melrose Inn in Orleans, Nebraska at 4:00 p.m. on July 15, 2004.

Present: Ken Becker-Beaver City, Joey Bose-Harlan Co. Tourism, Mike Eberle-Cambridge, Kathy Fox-Oxford Chamber of Commerce, Bill Hogeland-Alma City Administrator, Tara Hosick-NEDED, Cathy John-Beaver City, Ken Johnson- Twin Valleys, Clinton Olmsted-Furnas Co Commissioner, Corey ten Bensel-Twin Valleys, Thomas Tomas-Orleans, Larry White-Oxford and Dennis Wolzen-Oxford City Administration.

Ken Johnson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

A quorum was established.

Motion by Hogeland, second by Tomas to approve 6-17-04 minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tomas, second by Becker to adopt agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Ken Johnson. The account balance is \$2353.87. Motion by Eberle, second by Wolzen to accept the Treasurer's report. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Tara Hosick discussed a mini housing survey, encouraging all Communities to participate in. The information gathered will be included in the presentation being taken to the Nebraska Alumni Celebration in Denver November 20, 2004. She will notify all Clerks on the importance of filling this out and getting it returned as soon as possible.

Ken Becker reported on the progress being made towards the completion of the NCIP Founder's Award. The intent is to have the application ready by the August 31st, 2004 deadline. Doug Garey of Beaver City is working on this application.

Articles of Incorporation are at the State. As soon as the Articles of Incorporation are approved, an application for a 501 3 (c) designation will be filed.

Capacity Building application update was discussed.

Housing Rehab funding availability was discussed. USDA and DED have funding for these projects. Could be done on a regional basis thru FHP, rather than on a community by community basis.

A public forum date of September 30, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Southern Valley School was set. Ken Johnson will check with the school for availability.

LB 840 Sales Tax was discussed. The LB 840 could be used to help communities fund their participation in FHP and also to fund other Economic Development projects in their individual communities. Tara Hosick and Linda Fetig have a public information program on the LB 840 that they are willing to present.

The Nebraska Alumni Celebration will be held in Denver, Colorado November 20, 2004. All Communities and participants in FHP are encouraged to go.

The next meeting will be August 26, 2004 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Cambridge at the Community Building.

Hamburgers, potato salad, beans and chips and salsa were offered after the meeting.  
Adjournment by mutual consent.

