



## Furnas Harlan Partnership Meeting July 21, 2005

### **Opening Business**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on July 21, 2005 at the Country Club in Alma.

Roll call was taken and all members were present except Furnas Co. Commissioners, Hendley, Ragan and Arapahoe. Quorum determined. Guests were introduced.

Motion to approve minutes made by Ken Becker, and second by Neal McInturf. Motion approved. Correction was made to the agenda to change date from March 19, to June 16 minutes. Motion to accept agenda with the correction made Tom Tomas, second by Mike Eberle. Motion carried.

### **Reports and Announcements**

There was no treasurer's report.

Housing was discussed and there was an interest in having someone come to a meeting to discuss "give away lots." TIF was also discussed. No action taken.

Alternative Ag was discussed and it was suggested to have Jim Crandall from the Cooperative Development Center at Holdrege to come to a meeting. No action was taken.

### **Unfinished Business**

Furnas County Commissioners have not yet decided to fund or not to fund the Partnership. Alma probably will not fund the Partnership.

The second grant application was rejected. Rosie Stockton said she would reapply again. Bill Hogeland said the Partnership should ask for the scoring sheet on the housing grant and see why we failed and to see who received the grant.

There was discussion on LB 90, the Building Entrepreneur Act which is a grant of up to \$75,000 from the Rural Development Commission.

Carl Kramer from Oxford working with the Red Carpet Service Training said he was still waiting to hear about a grant. Oxford, Orleans and Beaver City have committed to the Red Carpet Service and classes will be held Oct. 6, 13 & 21 for training sessions. They will each be 90-minute sessions and you should attend all three sessions. Suggested locations for the three classes are Cambridge, Oxford and Alma. Suggested promotions for the Red Carpet Service classes are local newspapers, postcards and telephone calls. It should be noted that the Furnas/Harlan Partnership is sponsoring this.

### **New Business**

The new by-laws of the Furnas/Harlan Community Foundation, Inc. were passed out. Changes need to be made in Article II, Purpose. This will be done and then the by-laws will be looked at again.

The Executive Director job application ad was passed out. It was suggested to change the name to Program Coordinator/Director and to put back in the words economic development in the ad. Bill Hogeland made a motion that the Partnership hire a Program Coordinator/Director and Mike Eberle made the second. Motion carried. The ad will be advertised in the five local county papers and with Business Beyond the Farm.

There was no further business discussed. There will not be an August meeting. The next meeting will be September 15, 2005 at the "Clinic" city office in Beaver City.  
Motion to adjourn meeting made by Bill Hogeland and the second by Ken Becker. Motion Carried.

Marcia Roberts for Cathy John

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Ken Becker-Chairman

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Cathy John-Secretary