



## **Furnas/Harlan Partnership Meeting**

### **August 26, 2004**

The Furnas/Harlan Partnership met at the Community Center in Cambridge, Nebraska at 4:00 p.m. on August 26, 2004.

Present: Dee Bantam-Cambridge, Ken Becker-Beaver City, Harry Brown-Hendley, Mike Eberle-Cambridge, Todd Eichenberger-Arapahoe, Erma Hall-Beaver City, Jay Hall-Beaver City, Mark Harpst-Cambridge, Cathy John-Beaver City, Ken Johnson- Twin Valleys, Kandra Kinne-Cambridge, Jim Logston-Orleans, Merle Pfeiffer-Twin Valleys, Marcia Roberts-Harlan County, Bill Sapp-Hendley, Andela Taylor-Cambridge, Corey ten Benschel-Twin Valleys, Fran Thooft-Beaver City, and Dennis Wolzen-Oxford.

Ken Johnson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

A quorum was established.

Motion by Wolzen, second by Eberle to approve 7-15-04 minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberts, second by Thooft to adopt agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

Re-enforcement of Focus Groups was discussed. Chris Schluntz, a beef producer, from Republican City has expressed an interest in what FHP is doing. Ken Johnson will keep him updated. Possibility of forming an additional Focus Group was discussed. Ken Becker reported that a farmer at Beaver City is preparing to raise wine grapes as an alternative Ag project. Todd Eichenberger reported an increased interest in raising goats in the area.

The NCIP Founder's Award application was discussed. Doug Garey has completed a 1st draft for the application. FHP read it and had no suggestions for changes in this draft. The application will be submitted by August 31, 2004.

Articles of Incorporation are at the State and have been approved. Tom Patterson will proceed with this process.