



The Furnas/Harlan Partnership met at the Orleans Hotel in Orleans, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday October 19, 2006.

Present: Ken Becker – Beaver City, Todd Eichenberger – Arapahoe, Jim Dietz – Twin Valleys, Tom Arnett – Orleans, Tom Tomas – Orleans, Rosie Stockton – Furnas/Harlan Partnership, Dale Long – Holbrook & a guest Kathy Brown.

Ken called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Ken welcomed everyone there. The minutes of the September 21, 2006 meeting were read and Tom Tomas made a motion to approve the minutes and Tom Arnett seconded with unanimous approval.

Todd Eichenberger gave the treasurer's report the account balance as of October \$18,134.13. Tom Tomas made a motion to approve the Treasure's Report with Dale Long second, with unanimous approval.

Director's Report: Rosie Stockton gave a report of the things she has been working on for the Partnership. Some of the Grants she has been working on are one to the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund on behalf of the communities of Huntley Ragan & southern Furnas County. There were 5 pre-applications sent in and 3 were invited to submit full applications. She also submitted a grant for the city of Arapahoe to the Nebraska Game & Parks for their Baseball & Softball field. She is working research grants for the local theaters to help them upgrade to digital within the next 18 months -5 years. Other grant research is for the Arapahoe Swimming Pool, housing/land development, fire departments, recreational trail and endowment. As well as assistance with funding for the Butler Memorial Library for the Foundation Center Cooperating Collection Site.

Upcoming meetings such as the "What Business Should I Start?" and the "Leadership Plenty" class were discussed with possible ideas on getting more young people involved in training such as this.

Discussion about blighted and substandard buildings also took place and how the different communities are successfully dealing with it.

Please see the attached Director's report for more details.

In the budget update it was reported that Furans County and Holbrook are supporting the Partnership for another year.

Director evaluations were turned in and a new contract for the Director with the addition for 6.5 hours a week or a total of 340 hours more per year was presented. Tom Tomas moved the contract with the changes be accepted and Dale Long second, with unanimous approval.

Better communication, a Holbrook Village Board member wants to have more news about the Partnership. A discussion followed as to how to get more information out.

Investments – Todd Eichenberger brought up the subject, that the money in the checking account should be earning some interest. He had checked and since we are a non-profit we can get interest on our

money so he recommended that we move the checking to a NOW account. He also suggested we invest a portion of the funds into CD's for a higher rate of return. Tom Tomas made a motion to put \$5,000 in a 3 month CD and \$5,000 in a 6 month CD and then move the other funds to an interest bearing checking account at 1st Central Bank in Arapahoe. Tom Arnett seconded the motion and all voted aye with Todd Eichenberger abstaining.

The next meeting will be November 30, 2006, 6:00 p.m. at a place to be yet determined. With no meeting scheduled in December.

Motion was made by Tom Arnett to adjourn and seconded by Todd Eichenberger at 8:25 p.m., with unanimous approval.

The meal was catered by Matt Massey of the Harlan County Meat Processors and paid for by the Orleans Chamber. Thanks to both for a delicious meal.

Respectfully Jim Dietz

Ken Becker, Chairman

Attest:
