



Furnas/Harlan Partnership Meeting November 18, 2004

The Furnas/Harlan Partnership met at the First Central Bank in Arapahoe, Nebraska at 4:00 p.m. on November 18, 2004.

Present: Ken Becker – Beaver City, Mike Eberle-Cambridge, Todd Eichenberger-Arapahoe, Ken Johnson-Twin Valleys, Ed Newcomb – Twin Valleys, Marcia Roberts-Harlan County, Corey ten Bensel-Twin Valleys, Fran Thooff-Beaver City, Thomas Tomas-Orleans and Dennis Wolzen-Oxford. Also present: David Daire-Alma, Kyle Kopitke-Oxford (Korean War Museum), Neal Roberts and Rosie Stockton.

Ken Johnson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

A quorum was established.

Motion by Becker, second by Eberle approve 10-21-04 minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

The Treasurer's report was given by Todd Eichenberger. The account balance is \$2112.02. Expenses allowed were: advertising for corporation notices and a check book.

There were no Focus group reports.

A web based regional Business Directory was discussed. A listing of all "Mom & Pop" businesses and other businesses would be put on this web site. The Alma High School has 4 students to work on the site. Pinpoint is willing to work with these students. The need to involve Arapahoe, Cambridge and Southern Valley Schools was also discussed. No time line was given, but it will be in the near future.

Regional brochures for the Furnas/Harlan Partnership were presented by Rosie Stockton of Cambridge. Several sample brochures were looked at by the board members. There was a lengthy discussion on these brochures.

Jay Hall, Ken Becker and Ken Johnson attended the NCIP Annual Conference at The Cornhusker in Lincoln. We did not win the NCIP's Founder Award. FHP will try again next year.

Todd Eichenberger discussed the Arapahoe Chamber Mixer. They want to invite the new dairy business and the new pork producer business to the Chamber Mixer to be held December 6th 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the First Central Bank in Arapahoe. Todd wants some board members to attend. Name badges to be worn at this Mixer were discussed. Name and town should be on the badges.

Funding and financing for the Partnership were discussed.

Job descriptions from other areas were presented to the members to view. Dennis Wolzen will chair and committee with Mike Eberle and Ken Becker to work on a description for the Economic Development position.

The next meeting will be December 16, 2004 at the City Office in Beaver City, Nebraska at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment by mutual consent.

Sub sandwiches and beverages were enjoyed.