

Harding County Economic & Community Development Corporation

Regular Meeting - Tuesday— December 16, 2008—6:30 pm—Roy

MINUTES

Acting President, Bob Bachen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members in Attendance: Officers: Bob Bachen, Acting President, Treasurer Shawn Jeffrey, and members :Mary Libby Campbell, Bobby Casados, Blair Clavel, Carla Esquibel, Mario Gonzales, Esther Mitchell, and Sandy Ray. Others in attendance were Sharon Callahan, Tuda Libby Crews, Curtis Jeffrey Crystal May, Daniel May, Donna Milson, Dave Schell, and Lou Schell.

Mario Gonzales presented the minutes of the August 26 meeting. Carla Esquibel moved to approve the minutes as corrected followed by a second by Esther Mitchell and the motion passed. Mary Libby Campbell moved to approve the September minutes, second by Carla Esquibel. The motion passed. Sharon Callahan presented the minutes of November 25. Blair Clavel moved to approve the minutes as corrected, second by Sandy Ray. The motion passed. It is to be noted that Bob Bachen will act as president until one is elected in January.

The treasurer's report was presented and a copy of transactions from October to the present was handed out to those in attendance. The balance is \$32,698.38. The Corporation is compliant with the 5013C non-profit status and necessary filings have been made. Mary Libby Campbell moved to approve the treasurer's report, second by Esther Mitchell and the report was approved.

Correspondence included a letter of resignation by Mario Gonzales as secretary due to scheduling conflicts. The vacancies of President and Secretary will be filled in January.

Committee Reports followed. Sharon Callahan of Main Street reported that the Harding County Fandango will be September 26-27, 2009. An advertisement will be included in the Harding County Roundup. Sharon also reported that a \$10,000 grant application has been prepared and presented to ENMR. Invoices for reimbursement were presented for Roy Theater clean- up and included: \$50 to Daniels for loading of tires and trash, and \$100 to Dennis Trujillo for removal of debris from theater property, as well as \$29 for decorations for Fandango. A motion to approve reimbursement of bills paid was made by Sandy Ray, seconded by Mary Libby Campbell and the motion passed. Tuda Libby Crews attended the joint meeting of Amigos Bravos Committee and the Corridor Management Committee. She reported there will be another meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at the Harding County Community Center with food served at 5:30 and a 6:00 pm meeting. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share.

In old business Bob Bachen reported that a suggestion was made between Ray Hartley and the Harding County Economic & Community Development Corporation to split the difference in tile work expense. This is still undecided. The Commissioners approved expenditures for suggested improvements. Bob also reported that Richard Shaw of Mesa Soil & Water Conservation District voiced an interest in the District purchasing the USDA building in Roy. It would be understood that the Corporation could retain its office space free of rent. Pat Gomez advised against such purchase. The building is presently leased to USDA.

Sandy Ray reported writing a \$7000 ENMR Grant Application for The Shop. The purpose of the grant would be to provide funding for concrete footings for the business.

Dave Schell reported that the recently received ENMR \$5000 grant will be used to reimburse equipment invoices or ENMR telephone expenses. A check will be presented to Blue Vantage after presentation of bills for equipment and operating expense along with serial

numbers.

Bob Bachen reported that he, Mario Gonzales, and Sandy Ray attended the most recent Roy Village Council Meeting to present the MOU for the Roy Theater project. The council members said that MOU as written was unacceptable because it would violate anti-donation clauses. The Village expressed the desire to reallocate the \$300,000 to update village sewer lagoons. The Village requested written documentation from architects and engineers indicating feasibility to renovate the theater. Documentation is to be presented at the next Roy Village meeting on January 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Old business continued with discussion of changes needed in Corporation by-laws. Approval of by-law changes will be at the January meeting. This item will be put on the January agenda along with the filling of officer vacancies and a proposed resolution for meeting date for the Corporation. There was a point of clarification by Mario Gonzales indicating no need for by-law change for the Corporation to participate in execution of business loans. There was discussion of the involvement of the Corporation in administration of business loans in a cooperative effort with Community First Bank. Bob Bachen appointed Mario Gonzales to chair a Corporation loan committee to investigate possibilities. David Schell volunteered to serve on the committee.

In new business Sandy Ray volunteered to requisition a computer from either Raymond Mondragon of ENMR or Rick Hazen of Roy Schools. David Schell will donate his time and expertise to update acquired computer, as well as offer ongoing technical support. Computer will be in the office of the Corporation in USDA building.

Tuda Libby Crews submitted a letter of interest to serve as a board member.

In Public Input Mary Libby Campbell presented copies of the Harding County Roundup to those present. The Roundup will feature current businesses and entrepreneurial ventures. The paper has two new volunteers, Margaret Green and Kaitlin Holmes.

It was reported that Vicki Watson has data posted online indicating number of visitors to the Tukumcari area as a result of wind turbines. The website is www.unm.edu/~bber/.

The meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting of the HCECDC will be January 27, 2009.

Submitted by Sandy Ray
December 22, 2008