

## Harding County Economic & Community Development Corporation

Regular Meeting - Tuesday— January 27, 2009—6:45 pm—Roy

### MINUTES

Acting President, Bob Bachen called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Members in Attendance: Officers: Bob Bachen, Acting President, Treasurer Shawn Jeffrey, and members: Mary Libby Campbell, Blair Clavel, Mario Gonzales, Esther Mitchell, Sandy Ray, and Jerry Porterfield (in attendance for Bobby Casados). Others in attendance were Tuda Libby Crews, and Frank Griego.

The minutes of the December, previously emailed to members, were handed out. Blair Clavel moved to approve the minutes and Shawn Jeffrey seconded the motion. The motion passed and minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was presented. Mary Libby Campbell moved to approve the treasurer's report, second by Mario Gonzales and the report was approved. Shawn Jeffrey also informed the group that the ENMR grant of \$10,000 had been received.

The meeting agenda was handed out. A motion was made by Shawn to approve the agenda and seconded by Mario. The agenda was approved.

Committee Reports followed. From Amigos Bravos the Corridor Management Meeting had thirty-one attendees. March 4 will be the next meeting. Public input is needed so all community residents are encouraged to attend.

Ogallala Commons is encouraging support from the HCECDC. Mary will present a powerpoint at the next meeting. HCECDED will pay for the registration of a member to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

#### Old Business:

1. Changes in the by-laws were reviewed and discussed. Mary moved to approve changes. Second was by Shawn. The motion passed and changes were approved.
2. The Mission Statement was discussed briefly. Mary will find a copy and email it to the members.
3. Resolution for Meeting Date- The regular meeting of the Harding County Economic & Community Development Corp. will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:45. Shaw has the necessary forms that need to be submitted and recorded. She will email the form to Bob. Blair moved to approve the meeting date and Esther seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. ENMR Grant- Shawn reported that the \$10,000 has been received. There is still no word on the \$7000 grant written for the Mays.
5. Mesa Theater-Jerry Porterfield met with NM Cabinet members on this date. The county does not want to lose the \$300,000 appropriated for renovation of the Mesa Theater and this concern was expressed to state officials. The Department of Finance informed commissioners that the \$300,000 had been earmarked for return for reallocation. Documentation (feasibility and project costs) is still needed to present to the commissioners and governor. Frank Griego will serve as our liaison with the Governor. He will also review the present MOU. Harding County Commissioners need to be contacted officially to be requested to serve as fiscal agent for the theater renovation project. February 12 will be the next Harding County Commissioners' Meeting. There was discussion concerning amending the county agreement ordinance to include the arts and cultural clause which would be of benefit to this project. There was discussion of a revolving loan fund for business startups that qualify. The county commissioners are prepared to approve

- committee recommendations for loans but will not be responsible for repayment. Mary will head committee to address feasibility and funding, along with Frank Griego, Mario Gonzales, Shawn Jeffrey, and Bob Bachen. They plan on attending the next Harding County Commissioners' meeting on February 12, 2009.
6. Computer, monitor & printer – Roy Schools donated a computer and monitor for HCECDC use. Sandy Ray donated a printer. Bob will check with Blue Vantage to see if computer has been checked out. Sandy will send a thank you note to Mr. Richard Hazen, Superintendent of Roy Schools.
  7. USDA Building - Frank Griego stated that it is legal to sell the USDA Building and then use funds for loan purposes to qualifying entities. Documentation may be necessary on intent of money. The building will need to be appraised. Blair will check into this.
  8. Hartley Construction – Work has been started to encumber remaining funds available. The \$1800 difference in construction and funding will be split with Hartleys. A clarification of tax assessment and property tax due once building is out of county's name.

#### New Business

1. Tuda Libby Crews was accepted as a new member
2. Election of Officers – With no opposition nor further nominations: Bob Bachen was elected president. Mary Libby Campbell was elected Vice-President. Sandy Ray was elected Secretary.

#### Public Input

1. There was some discussion concerning the Wind Farm, of which 80% will be within Harding County, providing additional revenue.
2. Frank Griego is to be added to the email list.
3. Mary Libby Campbell informed the group of proposed Senate legislation concerning "poor" spaces. Legislation would give the landowners ownership rights of said "poor" spaces.

The meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting of the HCECDC will be **February 17, 2009**.

Submitted by Sandy Ray  
February 10, 2009