

## Harding County Economic & Community Development Corporation

Regular Meeting - Tuesday— February 17, 2009—6:45 pm—Roy

### MINUTES

President, Bob Bachen called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Officers and members in attendance were: Bob Bachen, Shawn Jeffrey, Mary Libby Campbell, Mario Gonzales, Esther Mitchell, Sandy Ray, Carla Esquibel, Tuda Crews, and Bobby Casados. Others in attendance were Allen Herron, Lee Fluhman, Richard Shaw, and Barbara Shaw.

The minutes of the January meeting, previously emailed to members, were handed out. Esther Mitchell moved to approve the minutes and Mario Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed and minutes were approved as corrected.

The treasurer's report was presented. Total in account is \$31,847.85. Bobby Casados moved to approve the treasurer's report, second by Esther Mitchell and the report was approved.

Committee Reports followed.

1. Main Street Program – It was pointed out that to be a part of Main Street, a representative must attend the program workshop. Sharon Callahan attended the meeting. Mary provided handouts summarizing the Main Street Program.
2. Amigos Bravos-It is time to renew the partnership with Ogallala Commons.
3. Scenic Byway-The next meeting will be March 11 at the Mosquero Courthouse. It is an open community meeting with food served at 5:30 pm followed by the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Old Business:

1. The forms for the meeting date resolution will be filed to formally establish the meeting date of HCECDC to be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:45 pm.
2. Mesa Theater – Mary handed out information packets containing a handout titled "Mesa theater Restoration Project"; letters from Sonya L. Cooper, PhD. From NMSU, Jean Fulton, Preservation Programs Coordinator from Cornerstones Foundation, and Gerald C. Lundeen, NM Architect #557, outlining their review of the theater building and their findings; a memo from Robert Apodaca, DFA Director, containing guidelines for working with the NM Anti-donation law; definitions of terms such as "agent", "fiscal agent", "fiduciary relationship", and "fiduciary duty"; and a copy of the NM "Governmental Conduct Act" as published by the Secretary of State's Office. Mary read a letter of support from Linda Lundeen, relative of Eileen Pendleton, pianist at the theater. The letter indicated the theater was built in 1921 and was known as the Pendick Theater. Lee Fluhman, Roy Mayor informed the group that he had prepared an economic development ordinance and will present it to the Roy Village Council at the next meeting so that they can serve as "Fiscal Agent" for the theater project. Discussion followed. Fluhman also stated that the Village of Roy had officially requested an allocation of \$5.4 million from New Mexico's share of the Obama's stimulus package to go to the Alice King Youth Ranch project. Extensive discussion followed. Mayor Fluhman was asked if he would prepare a letter to DFA stating that the Village of Roy was no longer the fiscal agent. As he was leaving the meeting, Mayor Fluhman stated that "At 5:23 pm on Friday (February 13, 2009), I submitted a re-authorization for the \$300,000 for the theater project to be directed to the Youth Ranch Project."

3. The computer, monitor, and printer are in place in the HCECDC office. A password is needed from Blue Vantage. A letter of appreciation was sent to Superintendent Richard Hazen for the use of the printer and monitor.
4. The County Economic Development Ordinance will be amended as follows: (1) all references to LVSMEDC will be changed to "Mesalands SBDC"; (2) "a reputable area agency" will be inserted in Item 7; Real Estate Information in place of the blank line; (3) Item 9.5 Safeguards for Revolving Loan Fund-a new bullet point will be inserted stating, "The HCECDC will select a regional bank who will handle all financial aspects of the Revolving Loan Fund; and (4) delete Manager and insert Commission Chairman in the signature line.
5. USDA Building appraisal Status- Appraisal of the USDA Building is on hold until Bill Cantrell can give a definite estimate of cost. Approximate cost of appraisal is \$2000. Barbara Shaw had the name of an appraiser who may provide services pro bono.
6. List of County Businesses – Blair has an updated list of all Harding County Businesses.
7. It was reported that several HCECDC Board members attended the Harding County Commission meeting on February 12, 2009. At that meeting the Commissioners agreed to serve as fiscal agent for theater renovation project. This was discussed along with Mesa Theater Project above.
8. The Shop-The Mays were unable to attend the meeting so no discussion nor action was taken on this topic.

#### New Business

1. PowerPoint on Harding County - Tuda and Mary presented an informative slide presentation highlighting all the activities in Harding County. Local efforts have served as a model for other communities in need of rural revitalization. There will be a NM Rural Economic Development Forum Conference in Farmington, NM, April 29-May 1, 2009.

There was no public input and the meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the HCECDC will be **March 24, 2009**.

Submitted by Sandy Ray  
March 2, 2009