

## Harding County Economic & Community Development Corporation

Regular Meeting - Tuesday— March 24, 2009—6:45 pm—Roy

### MINUTES

President, Bob Bachen called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm. Officers and members in attendance were: Bob Bachen, , Mary Libby Campbell, Blair Clavel, Esther Mitchell, Sandy Ray, Carla Esquibel, Tuda Crews, and Jerry Porterfield for Bobby Casados. Others in attendance were Sharon Callahan, Frank Griego, and Dave Schell

The minutes of the February meeting, previously emailed to members, were handed out. Esther Mitchell moved to approve the minutes and Carla Esquibel seconded the motion. The motion passed and minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was presented. Total in account is \$41,898.47. Mary moved that the treasurer's report be accepted, second by Blair. The motion passed .

Committee Reports followed.

1. Main Street Program-Mosquero students have been helping renovate exteriors of downtown buildings in Mosquero. Murals are being painted with help from Roy Newberry. One building is being utilized for the school media program.
2. Amigos Bravos-Tuda handed out requests for donations as part of a fund raiser to sign up with Ogallala Commons. Dues for membership are \$1500. There will be an evening workshop in the near future.
3. Commissioners- Jerry Porterfield attended the District IV Road Project Meeting and reported that of the \$19 million request only \$3-6 million will be approved as part of the stimulus package.

Old Business:

1. Tuda was recognized for her influence in getting the film, "Have You Heard About the Morgans?" produced in Roy.
2. Mesa Theater –Mary attended the last Village Council Meeting. Eric Paulsen, the governor's representative, had sent a letter requesting the release of Roy as the fiscal agent for the Mesa Theater project. Since there was never a written agreement no formal release was necessary and funding was ultimately returned to the DFA. Mr. Griego stated that the amendment to the county ordinance would include the arts. The possibility of using Main Street funding was discussed briefly. It was decided that any improvements should be put on hold until after set production for the upcoming movies had been completed. Insurance payments for the theater had been funded by Main Street monies for the past three years. This item is to on next month's agenda.
3. USDA Building appraisal Status- Appraisal of the USDA Building is on hold since the USDA is unable to purchase the building at this time. The appraisal will cost approximately \$1200. Sandy Ray is to check with another appraiser.
4. The Shop-Mr. Griego stated that the Mays still owe the \$1500 loan to the HCECDC according to state statutes. Article 10 prohibits "giving" funds from sale of building. Any recipients of funding must be qualifying entities according to guidelines previously handed out to HCECDC members.
5. Blue Vantage-Dave Schell reported that Blue Vantage recently added two fulltime employees, one of which recently moved from Logan to Harding County, as well as C.J. Garrison, now living in Solano. There are a total of 7 employees A

representative from the Work Force Commission visited Blue Vantage and was excited about the business. Mr. Schell reported \$10,000 in deferred salary reimbursement until July 1 and an additional \$25,000 of possible funding. CCC offered a certification course using Roy ITV for employees. Training is taking time and cash flow may be addressed through a SBA loan in the future. Job Training Incentives has a good training program but is restrictive. Recurring customers with contracts makes Blue Vantage a qualifying entity, according to Frank Griego. Community First Bank is a SBA preferred entity. SBA can make loans up to \$200,000. Keith Tucker, President of Community First Bank, will be invited to the next meeting to discuss future . Jerry Porterfield will contact Mr. Tucker and

#### 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