

## **BCEDC Meeting Minutes**

### **2.6.07**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05p.m. Members present were Dusty Turner, Niki Johnson, Pamela Crane, Tim Stephens, and Laneha Everett. Guests present were Troy Crane, Peter Dawson, Kathy Self, and Mr. Johnson.

Laneha skimmed the sec report, for the full minutes please check your email. Dusty Turner moved to accept minutes as skimmed and Pamela seconded. Motion passed. The treasurers report was presented by Pamela there was little change between Dec and Feb. Laneha motioned to accept the treasurer's report as read and Dusty seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **Old Business:**

Peter Dawson talked with Susan Mikkelson and she is ready with the foundation to sign us up to start a foundation in Baca County. The BCEDC board can act as the foundation board until we get a foundation board established. There would be a benefit of having people with HTC experience on the board at the beginning to direct the money to appropriate areas as the foundation starts off. The cost is \$100 to sign up and Peter tentatively lined up a date of Feb 15 for the board to meet with her and set up the foundation. There was brief discussion if Feb 15 would work for everyone and the date of Feb 15 at 6:00p.m. at the City Hall was confirmed to meet with Susan Mikkelson.

It was suggested that we talk with some community members that we have considered for the foundation to attend the Feb 15 meeting. It would be good if we could have some of them there.

Laneha gave a report on where the YEF stands as of now. She has talked with Mike Page on the use of the elementary hallway for the students to set up their projects. This way it will be close to the equinox fest. and draw more of the public through the fair. She has also talked with the people in Harding County about possible participation. Darryl and other Harding County resident are pursuing participation as well. The students in Baca County are very overloaded, but we will have some participants from Campo and at least 24-30 students from Springfield due to the participation of the high school teacher Kathy Self. There have been some sponsorships, however it will be easier to solicit when we know a firmer # of participants in the fair after March 1, 2007. Brandon Grogan is speaking with two of Kathy Self's classes on Wed, Feb 7, 2007 about any questions they might have concerning their projects ect. Some possibilities for tables to set up in the hallway would be from the lions club or the blue building. Maybe a couple of students might need electricity for the fair. Some ideas were also discussed on how to draw people through the students projects with the public voting on the projects to select the "People's Choice Awards" awards would be available for those students and possible gift certificates and coupons handed out to all those who voted. Another idea was to enter all who voted in drawings for door prizes. Laneha also asked the BCEDC to sponsor the reserve grand prize of \$500. This would show the BCEDC's support of the students and

teachers that took the time and effort to participate in the program. Pamela crane motioned to allot \$500 from our general fund for the reserve grand prize of the YEF fair to be held March 23-24. Tim Stephens seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Dusty Turner will look into possible funding for an economic dev. director for our county.

### **New Business:**

Colorado Springs Airport Advertising Opportunity:

The website to visit is [www.interspace-adportal.com](http://www.interspace-adportal.com) log in as a guest and click examples. The LCD screens are what I recommend for Trinidad and they are 12-second spots for Colorado Springs. You would get 4 screens and a spot on the brochure rack. The airport is internet accessible so you can direct people to your website! With this you can change out your advertisement as much as you would like with out a change out fee! Please take a look at the website and check out our site [www.iaateam.com](http://www.iaateam.com) . I have included the proposal for you to look at. At Interspace we do a long-term contract, or 3 to 10 years. This is done so we can rate protect your display. For the length of your contract you will NEVER see an increase as well as we take care of the up keep on each displays and install your brochures.

The Snow Goose Festival will be held Feb 24 in Lamar, CO. This will be the launch of the Preserve America Grant with SECORTG and the SE Colorado Birding trail. For more information go to: [www.lamarchamber.com/goose/index.htm](http://www.lamarchamber.com/goose/index.htm).

Darryl Burkenfeld is wanted to have the Baca County Community forum like what Harding County had Jan3-4 before March 1, 2007. There was discussion that people and circumstances are not yet ready for a successful community forum in Baca County. The board decided to propose the first weekend in March (2&3) as a possibility for the Forum. The next weekend is a county disaster workshop, which would take our entire medical field away from the community forum.

The SECORTG is finalizing the Preserve America Application. All communities involved in the grant have to be qualified as Preserve America Communities. That application is due at the end of this week. Laneha is working on the application with the help of the commissioners, Kathy Finau, and the Colorado State Historical Board.

The Judy Walden group will be in Baca County Feb 23 from 9:30-2:30. They are interested in meeting with the commissioners, historical preservation people, and entrepreneurs as well as looking at possible dust bowl museum buildings, and discussing HTC. Laneha is putting the meeting together and will email out an itinerary to the BCEDC board. Anybody who would like to come to the meetings is welcome to attend. Buildings that were suggested to consider for a museum were: 3 story building next to old Traders, White 2 story building by Plainsman Herald owned by Buch Forest, Dough Hutches, and Storm Casper. Rock 2-story building “domino parlor” owned by Homsher. Any other suggestions are welcome.

The Judy Walden group will also be discussing the Youth Summit that will be happening during the opening of the Sand Creek Massacre site on April 27.

Baca County has access to a website called Hoovers that accesses information on businesses that are looking to expand and/ or possibly move. The website gives specifications of businesses, their contact information and what they are looking for. The website is available through SECED. Laneha and Pam are going to look at setting up a Baca County Password and then getting that password to the commissioners and BCEDC. When someone is accessing the website with Baca County's password, someone else will not be able to log on with the same password.

There is a bill concerning transmission lines that has passed out of committee to the house (House bill 1150) carried by Corey Gardner, and (Senate bill 071150) carried by Sen. Kester. The commissioners testified to the committee about the need for transmission lines in SE Colorado. There is a lot of support for the bill and it is expected to pass.

Dusty Turner suggested using our revolving loan fund for the businesses in town that need some help after the blizzard in Dec. We could offer them a little help at a low rate of interest. We need to get the paperwork from Pete and put an ad in the paper after we have all the paperwork lined out. Laneha will talk with Pete on Feb 7 at the commissioners meeting.

Tim Stephens brought it to the boards attention that we need to be actively putting together a database of Baca County Alumni. If we had a business owner wanting to ewll and information of an alumni that might want to move back, but didn't know how we might be able to connect the two and keep more of our businesses open. Pritchett, and Campo have annual alumni banquets that have lists of people we could start with and Kathy Self is working on an alumni data base for Springfield. We could also put an ad in the Plainsman Herald for families that have children who might be interested in coming back to send their information to our P.O. Box or to fill out a form we could possibly put on the Springfield Web site.

The next meeting was set for March 15 at 6:00p.m. at City Hall. Elections will be held during the next meeting, so please bring your nominations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laneha  
Secretary, BCEDC Inc.

