

**BCEDC Meeting Minutes**  
**March 15, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05p.m. by Dusty Turner. Members present were Dusty Turner, Laneha Everett, Pamela Crane, and Greg and Heather Crane. Guests present were Nikki Johnson, Donita Johnson, Peter Dawson, Troy Crane, Kathy Self, and Monte and Debbie Barham.

Laneha emailed the BCEDC list serve the minutes from the past two meetings and then brought a copy of the minutes of the meetings, however due to the long agenda it was decided to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Pamela presented the treasurers report. The Fireworks fund has earned \$.03 in interest making the account \$201.57. The revolving loan fund has stayed the same at \$7413.43. The general fund has see a lot of activity over the past month. Check 689 for \$50.00 was paid to the United States Postal Service for our P.O. Box 95, Check 690 was voided, Check 691 for \$100.00 was written as an initial donation to our newly created Baca County Community Foundation, Check 692 for \$1,500.00 was written to Ogallala Commons for our participation in the High Plains Regional Cluster. There were donations from Town of Springfield – Light & Power for \$1,000. Town of Springfield – Sewer Fund \$1,000, Town of Springfield – Water Fund \$1,000, and the Baca County Commissioners \$3,000. The ending balance on our general fund for March 15, 2007 was \$10,195.10. Laneha moved to accept the treasurers report as presented, Dusty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

There was brief discussion as to who were members of the BCEDC board, members current after the last meeting were Laneha, Dusty, Pamela, Greg, and Heather. Laneha asked Kathy Self if she would like to be a voting member, and she declined saying she would rather be a worker. Laneha asked Nikki Johnson if she would like to be a voting member and she accepted. Laneha moved to accept Nikki Johnson onto the BCEDC board as a voting member, Pamela seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Troy Crane commented on the advantages to increasing the communication between groups, and introduced Monte Barham as the new Springfield Chamber of Commerce President. Monte would like to see increased communication and info sharing between organizations in Springfield so that we can all work together toward the same goals. Dusty agreed that the BCEDC has been working towards this, and we would like to continue and we are excited to have Monte at our meeting. Monte will email Laneha the Chamber contact sheet for chamber members and Laneha will email it out to the BCEDC board and list serve, and Laneha will email Monte the BCEDC contact list and he will email it to the chamber. We can keep in contact through the email and attending the meetings so that we can work together instead of everyone working twice as hard toward the same goal.

## Old Business:

### Equinox Committee Report:

The Equinox committee has been meeting for the past month to put together the equinox festival March 17-24. There is full schedule of events. The first event will be the Sing-A-Long at the Springfield High School Gym on Saturday March 17, then the Community Futures forum March 22 from 6:00p.m.-8:30p.m. at the Lions Den in Springfield, The Training/Learning Day for the High Plains Regional Cluster March 23 from 9:00-1:30 in Room three of the Springfield High School, Set up for Equinox afternoon of March 23 and practice for the Missed Baca County Pageant, The Community Foundation Pancake Breakfast and Youth Entrepreneurship Fair Awards 7:30-9:00a.m. in Room 3 of the Springfield High School, Equinox from 9:00-3:00, Set-up for the Missed Baca County Pageant 3:00-6:00p.m., The Missed Baca County Pageant 7:00-9:00p.m., Dance at the VFW 9:00 on.

### Back Board for the BCEDC:

Pamela picked up the backboard from Dusty. She said it was still in good shape, however we can do some updating and add some more information to it. Laneha will send her a list of things recorded in the notes that the BCEDC has been involved with over the past year or more, and Pam will create a pamphlet that we could hand out at the Equinox to people with information about our organization, the community foundation ect. Pamela will also call Sussan Mikkelson in regards to the community foundation and talk with her about what she needs to know for this next week, and what needs to be on the donation sheet for our Community Foundation.

### Volunteers for Equinox:

Pamela and Laneha will be there around the BCEDC booth all day, Dusty will probably be able to be there as well. Pamela and Laneha will set up the booth Friday afternoon (whenever Pamela can be there), and we'll tear it down Saturday afternoon and store it again at Dusty's. We will need people to help us set up chairs and the runway from 3:00-6:00p.m. in the high school gym volunteers are Dusty, Tim Stephens, Laneha, Pamela, Equinox Committee, anyone else we can find. Dusty can call some people if we need more at that time. Dusty also said to tell Bill Carwin that there are some people from the Lions Club that said they would help the FFA cook if they needed some more people there.

### Youth Entrepreneurship Fair:

Laneha gave a brief update on the YEF. We have 32 students and 25 projects from Springfield, Kim, Campo, and New Mexico. They will be set up in the high school lobby, judging will be March 23 in the morning (most likely), Judges I have are Judy Worlie, Brandon Grogan, Frank Goode, Aubry Humbrey from LCC (probably), Someone from Trinidad State Junior College (Nikki is asking on this), and Maybe Bryan Briant of OJC SBDC. Laneha has written a press release that she will send to Darryl, New Mexico, the Plainsman Herald, and the LaJunta Tribune Democrat. The press release was also sent to the Union County Leader by Tuda Libby-Crews of Harding County which will reach Clayton and NE New Mexico. We have recently received sponsorships

from SECED, The Campo Youth Advisory Board, The Baca County Farm Bureau, the Conservation District, The People's Credit Union, and Town and Country Trash Services. We hope to receive scholarships for the YEF from OJC, LCC, and TSJC, Nikki is working on these.

#### The Community Future Forum:

We discussed possible group leaders for the community futures forum. Volunteers are Peter, Dusty, Laneha, Pamela, Nikki, Troy, Spike, Tim, and we have some possible suggestions for James Whittler, Danny Robins, Verlin Hopkins, and Jerry Houser. We discussed having the group leaders there at 5:45, Laneha will check to make sure on a time to have them there. The materials for the community forum were split up between Darryl, Nikki, and Pamela. Darryl will bring the flipchart pads with adhesive pages, and the 500 small dots and the 1000 large dots, Nikki will bring the two flipchart stands and the 10 large markers of various colors, and Pamela will bring the 100 ink pens and two reams of unlined paper. The group leaders will also help with set-up of the Lions Den, and materials preparation such as cutting the dots in to groups of 5 and 10, and getting everyone 5 sheets of paper and a pen.

The calling list for the community futures forum and the March 23 workshop were also discussed. We need to call the churches, ministerial alliance, Lions Club, Schools, NRCS, City chambers, and City Councils, individuals. We can also put this announcement in the papers, channel 6 for Springfield and Walsh, KLMR, and out as a press release. Every member of the BCEDC needs to call 10 people. If you can call 5 people in your community per evening that would be a huge help in getting people to know what it is about and understanding it's importance.

Troy Crane agreed to do the Baca County PPT presentation at the beginning of the community futures forum.

#### March 23 Training/Learning for High Plains Regional Cluster:

We discussed advertising this at the same time we are contacting people about the Community Futures Forum. This will be Friday, March 23 from 9:00-1:30 in the morning. The schedule for the workshop is: an overview of HTC and commonwealths, How are commonwealths and assets enhanced by the regional cluster, Linking community priorities to Community Capacities and building focus groups/taskforces to do our follow-up work. The workshop will run through lunch with Subway sandwiches being served for lunch as a picnic style lunch served at Carizzo campground.

#### Community Foundation Pancake Breakfast:

Laneha talked with the equinox committee about moving the pancake breakfast to room 3 for the morning of equinox and they said it would be fine b/c they wouldn't need the cooking area until 10:00a.m. Pritchett FFA has agreed to do the pancake breakfast. Susann Mikkelson will do a short presentation at 8:00a.m. for about 20 minutes and then we will hand out awards for the YEF from 8:30-9:00a.m. Laneha said that she would call Bill Carwin with details on the breakfast so that he knows.

## **New Business**

### **Officer Elections:**

Officer elections took place quickly. Nominations for president were opened up and Pamela nominated Dusty Turner, Laneha seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion passed. Nominations were opened up for vice president and Dusty nominated Greg Crane, Pamela seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion passed. Nominations for secretary were opened up and Pamela nominated Laneha, Dusty seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion passed. The nominations were opened up for Treasurer, Laneha nominated Pamela, Dusty seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion passed. Officer elections were concluded.

### **Heritage Tourism Workshop:**

There will be a heritage tourism workshop in Akron, CO on May 4, 2007. The workshop will feature keynote speaker Scott Campbell, the heritage tourism program manager for the Colorado Tourism Office. There will be sessions in agri-tourism, heritage tourism, and booths set up for heritage tourism. Fee is \$25 before April 25, and \$40 after. We discussed that it would be good to have some of our group go to this since we are working with heritage tourism through SECRTG. Laneha will email the information she received from Darryl concerning this workshop to the BCEDC list serve.

### **Army Letter from Tom Peters:**

Tom Peters gave Laneha a letter that he got received so that she could pass it around to the BCEDC group. Laneha copied it and made it available at the meeting.

### **Mileage for Laneha:**

Laneha approached the group about being reimbursed for mileage incurred going to meetings for SECRTG as well as advertising for the Baca County Youth Entrepreneurship Fair. Dusty moved to reimburse Laneha for mileage at \$.30/mile for \$369.92, Pamela seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **SECRTG Meeting Report:**

Dusty, Laneha, and Pamela made an executive decision over the phone two weeks ago to pay for Baca County's portion of the Audobon Ad for South East Colorado. They tried to get the people on the South East Colorado Birding Trail to help out, but due to the tight time restraint weren't able to get any extra funding. The ad ended up costing \$708 for this year. Pamela moved to pay the audobon ad when we are billed, Laneha seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The Preserve America Community Applications ended up having to be rushed to Washington D.C. at the last minute for approval, Crowley County paid for the copies, and travel to get all the documents in order for shipping at the last minute. Every county owed Crowley County \$41. Pamela moved to pay Crowley County \$41 for the Preserve America Application, Laneha seconded the motion, the motion passed.

There is an opportunity for groups interested in historical preservation to attend a conference called Main Street Institute in Boulder on April 18-20. The conference will be a place to learn about historical preservation, make contacts and get information. The cost is \$170 before April 6. There are scholarships available for the conference at [www.dola.state.co.us](http://www.dola.state.co.us). Kathy Self was interested in getting the information to the DAR.

La Junta Tribune Democrat Tourism Booklet:

Laneha showed the cover of the La Junta Tribune Democrat Tourism Booklet to the group at the meeting. The booklet is scheduled to come out at the end of March to help with tourism planning in SE Colorado. Laneha got information from Baca County to the paper to print in the booklet.

Other business:

Fox TV to be in Springfield, CO on March 22, 2007 to be shown around town for a Simpson promotion going on. Springfield, CO has entered a contest to vie for the opening of the Simpson movie that is coming out. The town will have to make a 3-5min movie that will be the application for the contest.

Transmission Authority Report:

Troy Crane reported on Senator Kester's Bill to allow bonding to build transmission lines. There was for a period of time a Senator from Denver trying to kill the bill. However, the bill came out of the house with a vote of 65-0 for it and with 44 co-sponsors, and it will go to the house around March 28. If the bill passes it will give PPM Energy or local people the ability to bond to build transmission lines out of our county b/c 1mile of transmission line costs approximately 1million dollars to build. This bill will help encourage large investors to invest in transmission lines b/c they will be backed up by the state bonding authority. The bill will also allow the line to be interconnected to the line at Boone, CO with Tri-State Generation and Transmission or Excell Energy or whoever. We will see action in Baca County within 1 year if the bill passes.

Laneha moved to adjourn the meeting and Pamela seconded the motion, the motion passed.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00p.m. at Springfield City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laneha Everett  
Secretary, BCEDC

