

BCEDC Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2007

President Dusty Turner called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Members present were Dusty Turner, Pamela Crane and Nikki Johnson. Guests present were Springfield Mayor Jay Suhler, Commissioners Troy Crane, Pete Dawson and Spike Asmus. Renee Grigot and Mike Page. Members absent were Greg Crane, Heather Crane and Laneha Everett who was ill.

Laneha Everett had emailed minutes from previous meeting. Due to the length of the minutes, it was decided to dispense with the reading of them. Nikki Johnsons moved to accept the minutes; Dusty Turner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Pamela Crane presented the treasures report The ending balance of the Fireworks Fund was \$; the ending balance of the Revolving Loan fund was and the ending balance of the General Fund was. The General Fund had many debits and credits and the account was used to deposit the donations for the YEF and to obtain money orders for the YEF awards. Dusty Turner moved to accept the treasurers report; Nikki Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Springfield Fire Department has agreed to accept the responsibility of the Fireworks Fund.

#### Old Business

Main Street Training April 18-20<sup>th</sup>. Bolder, CO.

Dola has a scholarship to pay for Main Street training. Anyone interested in attending Main Street training should contact Laneha Everett as she is planning to attend.

Marketing Workshop at John Martin April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Laneha Everett planning to attend. Dusty Turner my attend but will be late. Marketing 101; Community involvement, revolves around the Preserve America Grant.

While on the topic of Marketing, Commissioner Troy Crane mentioned that at the last SECED meeting the board had discussed re-allocated the funds used for the Discovery Magazine advertisement. SECED wants to use the funds for travel expenses to each county so that the county residents don't have to drive to Lamar for information on programs that SECED offers. A decision regarding the re-allocation of the funds will be made at the next SECED meeting.

#### Youth Entrepreneurship Fair Report

Laneha Everett not present to present. Dusty Turner stated that a write up regarding the fair results would be in next week's paper.

#### New Business

Springfield Chamber Rod Run Show and Motorcycle Rally July 14<sup>st</sup>.

The Chamber is seeking groups to sponsor games for the kids and provide prizes. Pamela Crane moved to sponsor a game; Nikki Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Chamber will provide a list of games to select from at the next meeting.

#### Community Calendar

BCEDC/Chamber working together to get a calendar of community events.

#### Community Futures Forum Results

The Top 8 items were discussed.

1. Wind Energy – This is already in motion; The Clean Energy Development Authority Bill 1150 is still going through the Senate. The Commisioners reported that Bill Wright had stated that Tri-State Generation and Transmission may not build a 2<sup>nd</sup> coal fired power plant at Holcomb, KS. They are planning to build the 1<sup>st</sup> one and the invest in a as fired power plant. Horizon Wind Energy has sold out to Energias de Portugal (EDP). Horizon Wind Energy had lease 230,000 acres in Western Baca County and they will build their own transmission line.
2. Towns Beatification
3. Bowling Alley – Max Piper has invested time and money into the ground work of this and has determined that at the current time this is not feasible.
4. Technical/Vocational School – Nikki Johnson Chair. Nikki will be visiting with the Lamar Community College President regarding. Will let them know that Southwest Kansas Technical School is interested in doing something within Baca County.
5. Golf Course – draw the retirement groups.
7. Build Leaders. Pete Dawson interested in Chairing. Darryl Burkenfield is planning a Planning Meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> in Burlington. Planning Meeting for LIFT?
8. Full Time Projects Director for Baca County.

There was a discussion regarding which project to start first. It was the general consensus that the Towns Beatification would be a good place to start. Campo has a cleanup day planned and they are doing an Adopt a Block Project. Walsh does 2 Clean up days a year. This effort should be referred to as *County Beatification* as it is a Countywide project. Each town will have a chair.

Springfield – Kink Owenby

Campo – Ray Johnson

Walsh – Fire Department

Pritchett – Ernie Felzine

Two Buttes – Spike Asumus

Vilas – Shawn Free.

Dusty Turner and Monte Barham are on the agenda for the next Walsh City Council meeting and they will be bringing the County Beatification Project up along with the Community Calendar.

Alumni List – Dusty Turner stated that Kathy Self was working on this. This is a countywide issue and each school needs to participate. Current Businesses for sell or in need of someone with specialized training: Baca Welding, Gale Drug.

Baca County Community Foundation

Dusty Turner has taken information to local attorney's who do estate planning.

Free Workshops offered by Jeff Pryor of the Anschutz Family Foundation

Open Discussion

Reception to get to know candidate Tom Tablor the new CSU Extension Agent will be May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

Jay Suhler pointed out corrections to the minutes from last month:

- The Simpson moving coming out should say the Simpson movie that is coming out.
- PPM should be PPM Energy.
- Tri-State should be Tri-State Generation and Transmission (? Not sure if I got all of this).
- Xcell should be Xcell Energy.

Next Meeting Date set for May 15<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm at the Springfield City Hall.

Dusty Turner moved to adjourn the meeting; Pete Dawson seconded the motion and the motion passed.