

NDN-CR

Minden Opera House

April 14, 2011

Present:

Shawn Kaskie, Co-Chair

Sharon Hueftle, Co-Chair

Dena Beck, Secretary

Kelley Messenger

Merrill Duntz

Jessica Dorn

Lisa Karnatz

Pat Compton

Guests: Maxine Moul, Director USDA Rural Development, Lincoln

Tom Knoblock, Midwest Lumination, Curtis

Absent:

Rick Nelsen, Treasurer

Andrea McClintic

10:05 Shawn welcomed the group.

Introductions

10:15 Welcome by Marcy Brandt, Minden Opera House Director

No changes to the agenda.

Minutes were approved.

Attendees provided updates:

- Merrill discussed the RC&D and the budget cuts as well as a 5K & 10K Blazer Run in Clay Center 6-11-11 and Women's Wilderness Weekend Aug.5-7 in Alma.
- A suggestion was made to make sure people are on the listserv and are aware of updates and changes.
- Tom discussed his business, which is based in St. Louis, MO. Works with businesses on audit, plan, etc.
- Pat elaborated on housing programs and some changes proposed.
- Maxine discussed budget and continuing resolution that expires at midnight tonight. Congress and the Senate need to act today. Blended fuel application to add 10,000 pumps across the U.S. RBEG \$1 Million in requests.

- Shawn and Sharon discussed income and community survey information and how they collaborate and they are looking for an RCDI grant to expand those services.
- Sharon, SCEDD is an NDO which gives them more flexibility. Re-Use funds are up and running. SCEDD is able to do *nuisance abatement* for their communities. Decrease in EDA funding, 57% of what they received last year. Neighborhood Stabilization Program-Central City and Superior. R-BEG funds need to be used (Hamilton, Buffalo and Kearney Counties) 40% of the project; 1% below bank financing not less than 4%. Red Cloud EDGE class update 6 business in Red Cloud and 6 in Superior. Hamilton Co EDGE may start up again. PK Partnership update (Phelps and Kearney Counties).
- Dena informed the group that REAP is going through some programmatic changes as well as changes in loan policies and offerings. More information will be available in the next few weeks.

Tabled:

Financial Report-Rick Nelsen

Annual Newsletter-Andrea McClintic

Web site update-Andrea McClintic

Tentative Meetings updated:

June 8, Oxford (Dena will confirm with Lisa Rhynalds).

August 10, Cairo, Tourism program (Shawn will call Twyla W.)

October 12, Guide Rock (Merrill will make the contact)

December 14, Planning (unsure of location)

February 2012 Broken Bow (Shawn will contact Liz B)

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 for a tour of Grayson Tool Co., Minden. The group lunched at the Minden Coffeehouse, then proceeded to the Rural Broadband meeting back at the Minden Opera House.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dena R. Beck, Secretary