

**South Central Economic Development District
Thursday September 24, 2009
Meeting Minutes**

The South Central Economic Development District exists to develop and promote a positive economic climate which supports regional growth.

6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting @ Campbell Community Building, Franklin County

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Jerrell Gerdes

Roll Call

Adams	Eldon Orthmann	Buffalo	Absent
Clay	Barb Barnett	Franklin	Jerrell Gerdes
Hall	Gary Quandt	Hamilton	Clarence Trumble
Harlan	Steve Waring	Kearney	Absent
Merrick	Absent	Nuckolls	Roger Watson
Phelps	Theresa Puls	Webster	Laura Roybal
Private Business	Wayne Bell	Private Business	Stuart Wilsman
Private Business	Jim Gorman	At Large	Merrill Duntz
Stkhldr Org: UNK	Absent	Stkhldr Org: CCC	Absent

Introductions: Sharon Hueftle, SCEDD Executive Director; Alison Raymond, SCEDD Disaster Recovery Coordinator; Pat Compton, DED; Bob Roybal, Red Cloud; Barbara Sprague, Red Cloud; Jay Hall, Red Cloud; Bruce Tinkham, Superior.

Agenda:

It was moved by Gary Quandt and seconded by Merrill Duntz to approve the agenda. Unanimous approval.

Minutes:

It was moved by Jim Gorman and seconded by Clarence Trumble to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2009 meeting. Unanimous approval.

Financial Report:

The financial report as of August 31, 2009 was provided. The report was accepted unanimously via a consent motion from the Chair and filed for future audit.

Employee/Grant Reports were provided in written form. Sharon Hueftle presented a SCEDD power point overview to the group which summarized the activities of the organization.

Old Business:

Interlocal with SCEPTR for Disaster Coordinator: This is still a work in progress. No formal decisions have been made concerning this item.

Replacement Hiring of Disaster Recovery Coordinator: The new coordinator, Alison Raymond, was introduced.

NSP 1 Priority List for Structures: The NSP 1 priority criteria and selection criteria worksheet were presented to the board for consideration. It was moved by Gary Quandt and seconded by Laura Roybal to approve the NSP 1 priority list as presented. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

New Business:

Annual Meeting: An annual meeting is planned in lieu of a business meeting in Hall County on November 19, 2009. Discussion was held as to what type of activities would occur during this meeting. There was general consent to move the normal November agenda items to the January 28, 2010 meeting. There was also general agreement to provide four free dinners for county and stakeholder attendees as an attendance incentive. Details will be finalized prior to the meeting date.

Republican River Compact: Jerrell Gerdes gave an overview of how the compact could affect economic development in the area surrounded by the Republican River. General discussion was held concerning how SCEDD should/could get involved in water issues and their ramifications on economic development. Concerns were raised about this geographic area and other potential impacted areas throughout the SCEDD region. Plans were discussed for future education concerning this topic.

Board Member Reports: See below

Next Meeting: Hall County, Thursday, November 19, 2009

Adjourn Board Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Board Member and Attendee Reports:

Pat Compton, DED: There is a lull in grant cycles. Information is being gathered for the annual action plan. Surveys have been sent to communities to determine regional priorities. The state trust fund is flat. Housing is up slightly. Funds were released for two projects in Kearney – The Buckle and Technology Park.

Adams, Eldon Orthmann: There is a new bar/restaurant. Premium Protein and Armour are closed. The softball complex in Hastings is highly used and a wonderful addition to the city. The high school rodeo was hosted in Hastings. The Carbon Motors Tour was a success and Eldon took a 140 mph ride.

Clay, Barb Barnett: The soy bean harvest is beginning. There has been an increase in beer garden requests. Water easements have been an issue.

Hamilton, Clarence Trumbull: A technology center grant was awarded to Central City. The ethanol plant is 80% completed. Work is being done to clear the Platte River to improve water flow.

Harlan, Steve Waring: There are numerous street improvements. There is a sidewalk improvement plan where the city pays half the cost.

Webster, Laura Roybal: The 2nd annual Septemberfest was a success. There were two bus tours to Webster County from eastern Nebraska. The Ricky Nelson twins are at the Opera House.

Phelps, Theresa Puls: The 18th Street Project is open. An effort is being made by Game and Parks to return roadside ditches to habitat for wildlife.

Hall, Gary Quandt: Work has begun on the state fair buildings.

Merrill Duntz, SCPPID, Clay Center: He praised the SCEDD newsletter. Old Trusty Days were a great success with an estimated 15,000 participants. Efforts are underway to conclude the Clay County Survey Assessment. Cap & Trade information was shared with the group.

Jim Gorman, Business: There is a new restaurant in Naponee. A community assessment workshop was held in Hildreth. The 2nd Harvestfest was held and had pioneer demonstrations. An NCIP visit was anticipated.

Nuckolls, Roger Watson: The Broadstone Hospital in Superior had a ground breaking. Citizens in Superior are seeking funds to upgrade the city auditorium. Superior formed a tourism committee. Nelson closed their nursing home. The development group hosted a wind power energy conference.

Franklin, Jerrell Gerdes: The open house was held for the new hospital. A barber shop and Match Box Car store are new businesses.

Wayne Bell, TCBY, Kearney: Kearney Public Schools passed a \$45 million bond issue.