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Rawlins County HTC August 2006 Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2006 @ Midwest Energy Room

The meeting was called to order by Rawlins County Economic Development Director Chris Sramek. Those present included Mary Holle, Dawn Hampton, Wendy Fields, Chris Schmidt, Mary Sramek, Twila Miller, Bob Garrison, Chris Edwards, Dustin Diedrich and Jeremy Downing.

Treasurer Report - \$781.86 checking / \$3487.40 A.C.E.

Entrepreneurial Task Force Report:

- A mock website is set-up at www.highplainsfood.org Will start meeting with interested members to determine logistics of the food coop with a goal to have operational next spring.
- The web link www.rawlinscounty.info/business.html will direct websites to a Rawlins County business list and website links. This same list can also be found at www.atwoodkansas.com
- It was determined that November would be a good time to have a local Entrepreneur workshop. It was suggested to have Gene Phlughoft give a presentation and Bryce and Amber Barton with Barton Concrete Works.

Youth Attraction Task Force Report:

- The Rawlins County Youth Entrepreneurial Fair will be held March 30, 2007. The fair will be moved to the morning not to interfere with track meets. Wendy Fields will head the organizing committee.
- Josiah Jones and Laura Wolters returned from the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy pumped up and excited. They would be two excellent candidates to attend the HTC Academy in Chadron, NE in September.
- It was suggested to develop a recruiting team to stay in contact with Rawlins County youth attending college and let them know that we are thinking of them and keep them aware of any opportunities available for them to return to the area. Roger Prideaux indicated he would like to be part of this committee. Email and text messaging would be a good way to do this.

Leadership Task Force Report:

- L.I.F.T. Leadership Academy is set for this fall and next spring. It will consist of 9 Tuesday evening sessions September through December and February through May. Instructors will be Kurt Dillon, Matt Wolters, Barry Kaaz and Chris Sramek. Enrollment information will be put in the Square Deal and distributed through the community.
- Funding is set to send 10 people to the HTC Academy in Chadron September 12-14. 50 letters will be sent to those suggested by the HTC steering committee with response date of August 16. Registrations will be sent in shortly thereafter to secure early registration incentives.

Charitable Assets Task Force Report:

- No Report.

Western Prairie RC & D Advisory Council Report:

- The Rawlins County RC & D advisory committee will submit a proposal to Western Prairie RC & D at their meeting August 17. This proposal is requesting assistance to establish a HTC regional cluster for communities in northwest Kansas, southwest Nebraska and northeast Colorado.

Upcoming Dates:

1. August 16th ACE Meeting @ City Hall
2. August 21st First Day of School
3. August 24th Highway 25 Association @ Palisade
4. September 5th – L.I.F.T. Orientation Class
5. September 6th – Small Wind Workshop @ 4-H Building 1 to 5:00 P.M.
6. September 12, 13, & 14 – HTC Regional Academy @ Chadron, NE
7. September 15, 16 & 17 – Highway 36 Association “Treasure Hunt”
8. September 17 – Boulder Acoustic Society Concert 3:00 P.M @ Jayhawk Theatre
9. October 7th – Smokin’ on the Beaver / Lion’s Drag Races
10. October 11, 12 & 13th – 7th Annual Ogallala Commons Fall Conference – Chadron, NE

The meeting was officially adjourned by Chris Sramek

Chris Sramek, Director
Rawlins County Economic Development