



Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 1, 2011
Benkelman Housing Authority

The meeting was held in Benkelman, NE. Members present: Martha Burgess, Melissa Jacobitz, Meghan Pursley, Arlene Stute, Bob Prangle, Lynette Behlke.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm by President Martha Burgess.
2. Meeting Standards were reviewed
3. The minutes from the July 7, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Arlene for approval of the minutes. Second by Lynette. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.
4. Acting Treasurer Meghann Pursley gave the report. Our current balance is \$13,320.97 with minor outstanding bills to Scotties Potties and Owens. Still waiting on information from Hometown Market regarding charges on account.
5. Old Business
 - a. Action Group Reports
 - i. Web-Site Communications – Martha said the site has been updated.
 - ii. Chamber Phone Communications – Bob gave the report. Martha and Melissa will be making follow-up calls. Also a replacement for Bob is needed.
 - iii. Email-An email for the McCook expo was discussed and the possibility of hanging our banners for advertisement. Martha will follow-up.
 - iv. Retail – Gavilon hired 9 new people and is working through a temp agency in McCook. Also Skyline Grill is opening soon. The first dollar of business will need to be presented. Jason has the first dollar schedule.
 - b. Recycling Equipment – Melissa presented several ideas regarding the recycling grant through state recycling association. She is still working on the proposal and welcomes any ideas and help. A proposed Earth Day and Arbor Day celebration was presented along with placing recycling receptacles throughout the community and repairing and painting the recycling center.
 - c. Follow up with calls to prospective Chamber members – Bob Prangle
 - d. Close out 2011 pre fair BBQ
The Fairboard and Carnival each received the same amount of money for 2010 and 2011. The Chamber did not take any money for 2010 and received a 1/3 of the 2011 profits.
6. New Business
 - a. The Chamber is still looking for a new secretary. Bob will talk to a prospect.
 - b. Planning Downtown Christmas Holiday
 1. Contact Gary regarding Ping Pong Blast for December 3rd and 17th
 2. Place a sign downtown inviting everyone to the Chambers next meeting to help plan and work the event.
 3. Contact Nickole Sis about the community choir singing during event.
 4. Stone House Deli plans to introduce new coffees and teas during the event.
7. 2012 Summer/Fall Activities
The new date for the Pre-Fair BBQ will be June 23, 2012. The new Fall Festival date will be September 15, 2012. Earth Day will be April 22, 2012 and Arbor Day will be April 27, 2012.
8. Next Meeting: Regular Meeting –October 6th at 5:15pm with cookies and coffee!

Adjournment at 6:30 pm

/s/ Melissa Jacobitz, Interim Secretary DCCCD