

**MINUTES OF  
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE  
MEETING  
MAY 21, 2007**

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:00 AM. Directors in attendance: Deaver, Jamison, Scott, Welling. Others present: Jung, Johnstone, Moen

**ECA Project Status**

**Land Use Compatibility**

Mr. Welling briefed that the Ridgecrest City Council denied a motion for a zone change to allow houses where the Navy base objected. The land owner is appealing the decision.

Johnstone said the R-2508 JLUS Technical Committee held its last meeting last week. The recommendations made by this committee will go to the policy committee for review and approval. The draft final report will go to both committees for review before it has a public review. Most of the recommendations made to date are positive in protecting the Edwards mission and have been endorsed by most of the committee members, regardless of affiliation.

**Education**

Master Plan - Johnstone said the Master Plan has been approved for distribution to committee members. The question now is what is the best way to submit the plan to the CSU Trustees? Hopefully the plan will be submitted this summer.

Prototype - The CSU Chancellor has suggested a model program that would integrate the community colleges for the first two years and the CSU for the last two years of a degree program. This concept would reduce the land and facility requirements for a new campus. It has been suggested that since we are already doing something similar with the dual enrollment program with AVC, CSU Bakersfield and CSU Fresno that this is the best area to demonstrate a model program.

Summer Intern Program - The summer intern program is scheduled for June 18 – July 12<sup>th</sup>. Students will have classes on Monday mornings at NASA Aero Institute in Palmdale. Field trips will be conducted on Thursdays and unpaid internships will be held on Monday afternoon for 3-4 hours, and Tuesday and Wednesday about 5 hours per day. Approximately 14 students are enrolled in the program for this summer so hiring buses may not be required. School vans can conceivably meet the transportation requirements.

School Briefings – Mr. Scott briefed on proposed school briefings to let schools know what ECA is doing on preparing students for math and science careers. Scott has met with Superintendent Van Norman and explained the program and requested an opportunity to brief appropriate school

officials. It was recommended that we brief the Kern Superintendents at their regular joint meeting. This meeting will probably take place early in the next school year.

**Financial Report** - James Welling presented a financial report (attached). The checking account balance is \$43,778.93. Outstanding expenses remaining are for Les Uhazy's Oklahoma trip and the Technical Director's quarterly invoice. Mr. Welling is working on a budget for next year. Mr. Scott will provide information on student and teacher training for the budget. In addition, an additional order for the "Future is Now" video will be included. It was suggested that copies of this video should be made available to various civic organizations to distribute to appropriate individuals/organizations

**Open Discussion-**

Piute Ponds – Mr. Moen distributed a letter from the United States Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service to the Lahontan Regional Quality Control Board suggesting that in lieu of fines to District 14 for violating their discharge requirements on Rosamond Dry Lake, the **Piute Ponds aquatic habitats be expanded**. The District could implement projects that enhance and expand the natural resources of Piute Ponds in lieu of part or all fines. ECA is absolutely opposed to any encroachment on Edwards and will take whatever action it can to defeat this proposal. Johnstone will draft a letter, for President Deaver's signature, opposing this proposal to Lahontan.

**ACTION: JOHNSTONE PREPARE A LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO LAHONTAN FOR PRESIDENT DEEVER'S SIGNATURE**

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be in the Boron Saxon Museum on June 18th.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Deaver adjourned the meeting at 9:15 AM

Respectively Submitted

Robert Johnstone  
Technical Director

2 Attach.

1. Financial Report
2. Fish and Wildlife Service letter

## **Edwards Community Alliance**

Financial Report for the Month of February, 2007

Beginning Balance	\$48,417.69
Funds Received	0
Expenses	
February 15 <sup>th</sup> Check # 1044 to Bob Johnstone Travel and Consulting Fees	\$4,623.81
Balance as of March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2007	\$43,793.88

Prepared by James Welling  
ECA Treasure

