

**MINUTES OF**  
**THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**  
**MEETING**  
**MAY 11, 2009**

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:00 AM. Directors in attendance: Deaver, Hart, Jamison, Johnson, Pickard, Scott, Welling. Others present: Johnstone, Moen, Torres, Uhazy, Williams.

**ECA PROJECT STATUS**

Land Use Compatibility: Mr. Welling said there is a lot of proposed projects but none of any concern at this point.

Education:

4-H Science Symposium: Les Uhazy reported the Science Symposium went very well. The attendance was good and a lot of interest was evident in the attendees. The presentation on higher education opportunities in the Antelope Valley was well received and the attendance was very good.

Edison Donation: Cathy Hart has requested a \$1,000 donation from Edison to support the ECA sponsored K-16 Bridge Program. Since the ECA is not designated as a 501©(3) organization the money, if approved, will be sent to the Aerospace Office and ear marked for the Bridge Program. Johnstone asked the attendees to identify K-16 Bridge efforts that can be funded with this donation.

Intermediate Space Challenge: President Deaver reminded everyone that the Intermediate Space Challenge will be held this Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Mojave Air and Space Port. ECA members were encouraged to attend and were reminded that ECA helped finance the purchase of some of the rockets for this event. Approximately 800 students are expected to attend.

CSUB-AV Program Expansion: Bob Johnstone said that finally CSUB main campus is listening to the needs of the Antelope Valley and is expanding their local program to include Public Administration, expanding their business program and instituting a graduate Education Center. These programs are very much in demand and should help grow our CSU "Center" toward the goal of a four-year university.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

James Welling said the ECA bank balance as of May 9, 2009 is \$22,997.19. He reminded the members that Supervisor Maben has requested that we reduce our financial requirements during this period of financial hardship for the County. No set reduction was identified but ECA could probably reduce the budget by 10% without having to reduce the education support initiatives.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Filling Acquisition jobs: Due to a severe problem of hiring middle and upper level individuals in acquisition, the Air Force has started a direct hiring program. This program allows individuals with acquisition skills to apply directly to the base they would like to work at. Unfortunately, at this time this program is not available to college graduates.

Tehachapi Speaker Request : Since no response has been received from Ms. Wright this request will be tabled until additional information is received.

Southern Illinois Industrial Tech Degree: Southern Illinois University recently announced that they are once again offering a Bachelors Degree in Industrial Technology at Edwards Air Force Base. Interested individuals should contact the Edwards Education Office for more information.

Friends of Edwards Air Force Base: Rex Moen explained his goal of getting communities around Edwards to work together in support of Edwards. Although there are several organizations supporting the base in different ways, no one organization has the mission of tying the pieces together. Mr. Moen's proposal is to identify key players in these organizations to serve as Board members in a "Friends of Edwards" organization to coordinate activities to improve communications throughout the region in supporting Edwards. Mr. Johnstone will represent ECA on this Board.

Math Education from Elementary to College: Dr. Uhazy said that math professors in his department at Antelope Valley College have received a grant to study math education from elementary to college. The result of this effort could result in a National Science Foundation Grant to recommend courses of action to improve math education in the country.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.

The next meeting will be on June 8, 2009.

Sincerely,

Robert Johnstone, Technical Advisor

ATCH: Financial Report