

**MINUTES OF
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
MEETING
JUNE 16, 2008**

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:00 AM. Directors in attendance: Deaver, Jamison, Johnson, Novinger, Pickard, Scott, Uhazy, Welling. Others present: Gocke, Johnstone, Jung, Ms Novinger, Sipple, Williams.

ECA PROJECT STATUS

Land Use Compatibility: James Welling said several solar plants are being proposed for the local area. The base has been contacted and has no problems with the projects.

Education: Johnstone said the Lancaster University Center Fresno Engineering Program is hosting a second Engineering 11 program beginning in August. This program is for high school juniors and seniors enrolled in math, science, and pre-engineering. The fifteen week semester begins 26 Aug and ends 9 Dec. 2008. Interested students should contact Dr. J.S. Shelley at 661-723-6429 X 120 or e-mail: jshelley@csufresno.edu.

Les Uhazy said Antelope Valley College is working with Victor Valley Community College in a joint grant. AVC is also hosting a workshop on Supplier Data Base this summer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

James Welling said the checking account balance is: \$20,039.63.

OPEN DISCUSSION

High Desert University Foundation: Johnstone presented the High Desert University Foundation video which was well received by those in attendance. Johnstone said the Foundation wants to get the word out to the community on the University and offered to present the video at community functions. He also said the High Desert University Master Plan can be down loaded from the Board of Trade website at: avbot.org.

Aerospace Industry Urges Congressional Support for Science, Math Education : The Aerospace Industries Association has sent several letters to Congress and the White House encouraging support for full funding of federal scientific research and education initiatives like the Education Department's Math and Science Partnerships program.

Tehachapi Hospital Supports HDUF: At the last EKERN meeting in Tehachapi, representatives of the Tehachapi hospital gave strong support to the efforts to bring a University to the High Desert. They also stressed the need for medical and health care training in the University. This training could be a part of the private hospital on 56 acres on the western boundary of Edwards Air Force Base being studied by the base.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM.

The next meeting will be on July 21st at Mojave Airport.

Sincerely,

Robert Johnstone

Technical Advisor