

**MINUTES OF**  
**THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**  
**MEETING**  
**JULY 13, 2009**

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

**ECA PROJECT STATUS**

Land Use Compatibility: Mr. Welling said there is nothing to report.

Education:

Edison Donation: Tehachapi Unified School District Superintendent Swanson identified a need for the Edison donation to be used to provide transportation for K-16 Bridge students to attend sessions in Bakersfield, Antelope Valley College and Cerro Coso College. The District's transportation budget has been reduced to the point there are no funds available to support these transportation needs. On a motion by Mr. Novinger and second by Mr. Scott the Board of Directors unanimously approved providing the Edison Grant of \$1,000 to Tehachapi Unified School District.

Flight Test Historical Foundation: Mr. Scott briefed that Fred Johnsen, Curator of the Edwards Museum, contacted him and said the Edwards Air Force Base Flight Test Historical Foundation is planning on constructing a new facility for the museum west of the west gate at Edwards. As part of the new museum, the Foundation would like to add an educational program. The Foundation is asking for help from the community to suggest appropriate educational programs for the museum. Mr. Johnstone said he added this discussion to the ECA agenda to get the members to start thinking about this subject and to make recommendations on programs. This is not something that is going to happen overnight but we need to start looking for potential programs.

Salute to Youth: Mr. Scott briefed on the Salute to Youth program planned for Air Force Plant 42, Building 704 on September 18. He encouraged more Kern County participation from schools. Businesses are also encouraged to display their career paths. This year, for the first time, selected middle schools will be invited to participate. With school budgets being severely cut transportation of students will rely entirely on donations from the private sector. Mr. Pickard made a motion for ECA to provide up to \$1,000 to support schools requiring assistance for transportation. Mr. Novinger seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Cal Poly visit: Mr. Johnstone said Dr. Walsh, Associate Dean School of Engineering at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (SLO) met with several community leaders on July 7 to discuss SLO picking up the engineering program at the Lancaster University Center. Local folks in attendance represented aerospace, academia, city government, Air Force Flight Test Center, Air Force Research Lab Propulsion Division, Cerro Coso, Board of Trade, and individuals. Dr. Walsh was very impressed with the numerous partnerships that were evident and the diversity of the partners. He summed up the discussion by stating that he was excited about the possibilities of working with the Antelope Valley. He said he needs to convince his faculty. He would like to see a program that focused on a Masters Degree and the opportunity for professional development for his faculty members. A local team will prepare a plan over the next 30 days and discuss with Cal Poly. This will be a continuing effort to arrive at a plan that meets the needs of key players.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The ECA financial picture over the last month has not changed. There were no new financial actions. Per the Board's direction, Mr. Welling submitted a new budget to Kern County reflecting a 20 percent reduction.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Majors and Careers in Engineering: The Aero Institute and UCLA Outreach Office jointly sponsored an opportunity for 25 first generation/low income/minority high school students with a local math/science academy experience. After the academy 74 percent of students had a "very high" interest in studying engineering. This was a 14 percent increase from what students indicated on the pre-evaluation. There was also a 40 percent increase in the number of students who said they could define the A-G. Overall the students reported feeling like they had a much better understanding of what they need to do in order to become an engineer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM.

The next meeting will be on August 10, 2009.

Sincerely,

Robert Johnstone, Technical Advisor

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