

**MINUTES OF
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2006**

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:00 AM. Directors in attendance: Coussens, Deaver, Jamison, Novinger, Pickard, Welling. Others present: Maben, Johnstone, Moen.

ECA Project Status

Land Use Compatibility- James Welling briefed that the Ridgecrest City Council approved a land use project that has been the subject of concern for the military at China Lake. The impact of this decision is not known at this time.

Education-The Master Planning effort is moving forward. All of the sub-committees have met and the Master Plan process is taking shape. Supervisor McQuiston's Office set up a meeting to meet with Ridgecrest officials to discuss their participation in the Master Plan effort. Rex Moen and Bob Johnstone attended the meeting on Friday August 18th. There appears to be a lot of interest in the community to support this planning effort. They requested information on the sub-committee meeting schedules and minutes of the meetings. Johnstone said he was scheduled to brief the Sunrise Rotary in Lancaster on Tuesday August 27th. Presentations to organizations throughout the proposed service area of the university are being encouraged. Anyone belonging to a group that might benefit from hearing a briefing on the university should contact Johnstone at 661-723-6103.

Director appointments

President Deaver welcomed new Director DR. Phillip Coussens from Rosamond. Phillip will fill one of the vacant Rosamond positions. Candidates for the other vacant position are being solicited. Mr. Ron Brady from Boron has requested that he be replaced on the Board of Directors. Mr. Ed Fuller from California City has not been active and will be asked his intentions in regard to remaining on the Board of Directors.

Financial Report

James Welling provided a treasurers report (attached). James has submitted the actual expenditures for FY 2006 to Kern County. Supervisor Maben has proposed \$34, 000 for the ECA for FY 2007. Johnstone submitted a proposed budget for 07 to Welling for his review and ECA Board approval. The proposed budget provides for five \$2, 000 scholarships for local students enrolled in Math and Science. Details of eligibility for the scholarships must be worked out before the beginning of 2007.

Open Discussion

Johnstone said the last he has heard on the transfer of the 46th Test Wing from Eglin to Edwards is the move is on hold because of political involvement.

At the Dialogue on Higher Education held in May, the Assistant CSU Chancellor stated that this area does not have a sufficient number of A-G qualified students for entry into the CSU college system. A meeting with appropriate staff from the Chancellor's Office and local officials from

School districts and involved organizations is going to be held on September 7th to discuss this problem and possible solutions.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in Boron on September 18th

Respectively Submitted

Robert Johnstone
Executive Director

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