

**MINUTES OF
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2008**

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

ECA PROJECT STATUS

Land Use Compatibility: Ms. Hart briefed the attendees on a proposed wind farm along Backus Road. A developer has been contacting home owners for possibly locating wind turbines on their property. They need 20 contiguous acres for development. The area they are looking at is under the Kern County 400 foot height restriction for airspace use.

Mr. Welling said the proposed solar development near Cantil is having difficulty due to a water rights issue.

Education: The Board of Trade is planning on conducting a second dialogue on higher education. The proposed date is March 20, 2009. The decision was made to have the Dialogue after the Business Outlook Conference. The dialogue will conduct four workshops; Student Success—Meeting A-G Requirements, Legislative Support, Local Government Engagement, and Private Sector Support. The goal of the workshops is to lay out a plan for collaboration and how to meet the CSU student requirements.

Mr. Johnstone has met with the AV High School Superintendent, Dr David Vierra, to discuss having a presentation on implementing the K-16 Bridge Program in the Antelope Valley. Dr .Vierra is interested in the possibility of bringing the program to the AV and he will set up a meeting with the appropriate school authorities to hear Mr. Piercy's briefing on the program. The Ridgecrest area is implementing the program and Mojave School District Board recently approved implementing the program in the Mojave School District beginning with seventh and eighth graders. The intent is to take the program down to the fourth grade.

Mr. Scott said the annual Salute to Youth program will be held on September 26th at site 9 in Palmdale. He encouraged Kern County schools to attend and also any business folks that are interested.

FINANCIAL REPORT

James Welling said the checking account balance as of August 15 is: \$15,615.52. The consensus of the Directors was that sufficient funds are available to help fund bus transportation for students to attend Salute to Youth.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Northrop hiring: Johnstone mentioned that Northrop-Grumman is hiring people for several disciplines at the Palmdale site. Interested parties should review their web site at: www.careers.northropgrumman.com. Select Antelope Valley to view local openings.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Moen mentioned that the Air Base Wing Commander has asked for a list of local organizations and what they do. Rex provided him with a brief mission statement for each organization. Rex will provide this list to Johnstone for distribution to Edwards Community Alliance members. Mr. Moen also mentioned that Air Force Week will be held in the Los Angeles area in November. There will be several aircraft flyovers and he thought we need to highlight the Antelope Valley in some way. He also felt that since there is no Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) activity ongoing that we should invite Edwards to have representation in the Edwards Community Alliance. President Deaver will write an invitation letter to Major General Eichhorn inviting him to provide a representative. It was also suggested that the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale should participate.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM.

The next meeting will be on September 15th at Mojave Airport.

Sincerely,

Robert Johnstone

Technical Advisor