

**MINUTES OF
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**

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

ECA PROJECT STATUS

Land Use Compatibility: No new issues

Education: The Board of Trade is planning on conducting a second dialogue on higher education. The proposed date is March 20, 2009.

Mr. Scott said "College Night" will be held on October 1st at Highland High School. Due to the number of folks expected to attend, the event will be held in two sessions beginning at 4:00 PM. The annual Salute to Youth program will be held on September 26th at site 9 in Palmdale. A couple of Kern County schools have said they will attend. Transportation should not be a problem since the ROP has received sufficient donations to provide bus transportation for the schools desiring to attend.

FINANCIAL REPORT

James Welling said the checking account balance as of September 12 is: \$11,578.20.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Dr. Swanson, Superintendent of Tehachapi Unified School District said his teachers are excited about starting the K-16 Bridge Program in Tehachapi. He has been in discussion with Cerro Coso College about the program and they will support. However, Tehachapi needs financial support to help fund training for the teachers. He requested assistance from the Edwards Community Alliance in the amount of \$1,164.49. It was the consensus of the Directors in attendance that this request is in agreement with the Alliance's goal of supporting educational programs that will assist in raising the number of students that meet the A-G entry requirements of the Cal State and CSU systems. On a motion by Mr. Novinger and second by Mr. Pickard and unanimous approval by the Directors in attendance the ECA approved the funding request of Dr Swanson.

Mr. Johnstone said he had received an article from Mrs. Novinger on the national nursing shortage. He said we have done the right thing by including a nursing program in the four year university curriculum.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM.

The next meeting will be on October 20th at Mojave Airport.

Sincerely,

Robert Johnstone

Technical Advisor

Attachment: Financial Report