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DAWES COUNTY JOINT PLANNING MINUTES

APRIL 29, 2015

Members of the City Council of the City of Crawford, Nebraska, met in a workshop session in the Mari Sandoz Center, Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska on the 29th day of April, 2015, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor David Nixon. Absent: Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Karla Adams, Council Member Skip Chubb and Council Member Roy Norgard.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting at three locations: City Hall, D & S Market and the US Post Office, as certified and filed in the City Clerk's office at City Hall. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice of the Mayor and City Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The workshop was facilitated by Daniel Bennett, Sandy Roes and Caroline Winchester. Available through skype, was guest Chuck Schroeder with Rural Futures Institute. The mission of Rural Futures is "through a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship, the Rural Futures Institute mobilizes the diverse resources of the University of Nebraska and its partners to support rural communities and regions in building upon their unique strengths and assets to achieve their desired futures." The vision of Rural Futures is "the Rural Futures Institute will be an internationally recognized leader for increasing community capacity as well as the confidence of rural people to address their challenges and opportunities, resulting in resilient and sustainable rural futures." The 2015 Rural Futures Conference will be held October 21-23, 2015 at the Nebraska Innovation Campus in Lincoln. Mr. Schroeder offered experiences and information from Student Entrepreneur Projects – a student serviceship program that sends students to communities to work with community leaders on meaningful service projects.

Another guest was Rita Horse with High Plains Community Development. Mrs. Horse shared grant information that offers rehab to owner-occupied homes and possible grant opportunities for demolition on condemned properties. High Plains Community Development often partners with USDA, NCAP and the NCAP's Weatherization Program.

Roger Wess, Deb Cottier and Daniel Bennett shared information on Panhandle Partnership for Health and Human Services and Social Enterprise, businesses whose primary purpose is the common good. They use methods and disciplines of business and the power of the marketplace to advance their social, environment and human justice agendas. There is a goal of integrating social enterprise into traditional economic development.

The group broke into small sessions of Tourism, Housing and Economic Development and each group completed a 90-day Implementation Plan.

The next quarterly DCJP meeting will be July 22, 2015 at the Crawford Community Building.

The April 29, 2015 Dawes County Joint Planning meeting concluded at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Minutes by: _____
Jane Dailey, City Clerk

Approved by: _____
David A. Nixon, Mayor