

**South Platte United Chambers of Commerce
Minutes – Meeting June 12, 2012
Curtis, NE, NCTA**

Tom Hastings called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. The first order of business was to compliment Dr. Sleight and the NCTA new facilities.

The agenda was approved.

Merrill Duntz made a motion to approve the May minutes. Rex Nelson seconded. The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Financial Reports

There are still questions on the accounts receivable report. Some entities are listed who have paid. More cleanup will be done. The question came up regarding getting the ag co-ops involved and what to charge them. Tom Hastings will work on this.

Tom reported that he had come to an agreement to a settlement with Angela Amack for \$6,000. Angela needs to prepare the paperwork through the lobbyist organization and would proceed with that. Tom asked for a motion to approve the settlement. Dena Beck made motion to approve the settlement agreement with Angela Amack. Rex Nelson seconded. Motion passed.

Rex Nelson made a motion to accept the financial report. Merrill Duntz seconded. The financial report was approved.

Old Business

Housing Concerns – Discussion was held on how best to address the concerns of communities who have a need for more housing and those who have too many empty houses. Several members had attended meetings in other regions who were addressing the same issues. The reported good attendance and well-presented material. It was decided to begin planning a ½-day seminar sometime this fall that could provide information for different sized communities and different issues. Merrill Duntz, Dena Beck, Sharon Hueftle, Rex Nelson and the Nebraska DED will work on a plan.

Membership and Billing – no information

New Business

Brochures – Tom asked for final review for corrections and changes. - Hastings CC will print.

Website – Michele Ehresman is working with Sarah to transfer all information.

President's Tour - will be scheduled in October.

Communities Comments

Clay Center- SPUCC Golf Outing, July 10, Old Trusty Sept. 8-9, July 4 Celebration

Holdrege- Swedish Days, June 15-16

Curtis- Fall Festival, 3rd Saturday in September

North Platte – Nebraskaland Days on now.

Nebraska Dept of Tourism – Passport Program, Golf map

McCook- Heritage Days, Sept. 29-30

Red Willow Reservoir concert series every Sat. night

Grant- 125th anniversary to be celebrated July 4

Hastings- High School Rodeo, June 21,22; Kool-Aid days August 8-10

Legislative Session- April 9, 2013

The meeting was adjourned. Dr. Sleight gave a tour of the new educational building at the college and a tour of the cedar chip heating system they were using. Dinner was at the Cattlemen's Restaurant. Twenty-nine were in attendance.

Next meeting – July 10, Golf Outing, Clay Center.