

***A Joint Meeting***  
of the  
***Lincoln County Economic Development Council***  
***Sprague Public Development Authority***  
***Sprague Horizons***

***Minutes***

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Sprague Community Center  
213 South C Street  
Sprague, WA

Current EDC Board Members: Doug Plinski, Rex Harder, Dale Swant, Billie Herron, Gary Green, Mike Evans, Scott Hutsell, Rob Coffman and Lynn McWhorter.

**I. Call to order**

**Dale Swant** called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Roll call**

EDC Board Members: Rex Harder, Dale Swant, Doug Plinski, Mike Evans and Ex. Director, Pam Kelley.

Sprague PDA Board: Mary Daniels, Farrah Brittain, Vickie Glock, George Kiddoo, Rex Harder.

Sprague Horizons Board: Rejeanna Goolsby

Guests: Cynthia Frees, Rural Resources, Linda Findlay, Moses Lake Food Bank, Amy Simmons and Levi Simmons, Harrington Food Bank, Eric \_\_\_\_\_, North Columbia Action Council, Michael Buchanon, Big Bend EDC, Debbie Chapman, Parent Coalition for Disabled Children and Kon Lamparter, Sprague City Council

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

No minutes from any of the organizations were read or approved since this was a joint meeting.

**IV. Treasurer' Report**

No treasurer's report from any of the organizations were read or approved since this was a joint meeting.

**V. New Business**

Dale Swant, EDC Board President, opened the joint meeting with introductions from all participants. He said that the meeting was focused on learning more about the social services that are available to the people of Lincoln County and the agencies that deliver those services. .

Linda Findlay, Moses Lake Food Bank: Linda said that the MLFB is the lead agency for the food banks in Grant, Adams and Lincoln Counties. She said some of the funding comes from USDA Commodity program and that it is on a first-come-first-serve basis. She also said that her organization receives funding from Washington State which helps fund the Harrington and Davenport food banks. She said that it would be difficult to start funding an additional food bank in the City of Sprague, but that her organization will try to work with the existing Sprague Food Bank as much as possible.

Cynthia Frees, Rural Resources: Cynthia gave a comprehensive description of the wide range of programs available to Lincoln County residents: ranging from job training (Worksource), low-income youth employment (16-21 years), vocational training, On-the-job training for disabled, special needs, dislocated workers, out-of-school youth, veterans and career planning. Cynthia said that although her office is in Colville, she is happy to come to Lincoln County anytime to coordinate services and applicants. More can be researched online at [www.worksource.com](http://www.worksource.com). Brochures attached to these minutes.

Eric \_\_\_\_\_ North Columbia Action Council: Eric described the Prosperity Center within the organization that offers financial literacy classes. Each class has 10 modules and Eric agreed to teach one class in Sprague and one class in N.W. Lincoln County if we could get a group of 10 people in each place who were committed to taking the entire course. Completion of this class will allow people to qualify for the IDA program that offers matched savings for home, schooling or business start-up. Brochures attached to these minutes.

Amy & Levi Simmons, Harrington Food Bank: Amy offered to work with the Sprague Food Bank to enhance its capacity. She said that Sprague can give her a list of households with the number and ages of people living in them. Then on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month they can pick up food as it is being delivered to the Harrington Food Bank. People look forward to a strong partnership between the two food banks.

Family Resources, Davenport: Brochures attached to these minutes describe the many services offered by this non-profit organization.

Michael Buchanon, Big Bend EDC: Mike explained that the Big Bend EDC is a regional federally funded organization able to work with the Lincoln County communities with grant writing and regional economic planning.

Debbie Chapman, Parent Coalition for Disabled Children: Debbie, from Ritzville, is interested in working with people in Lincoln and Adams Counties to lobby for services for disabled children.

## VI. Open Issue

**VII. Adjournment**

The next EDC meeting was set for May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 in the Old Town Hall in Odessa.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes approved by: