

DAKOTA PRAIRIE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Phil Langerud (Ramsey), Bill Mertens (Ramsey), Verna Martz (Towner), Dawn Roppel (Cavalier), Sharon Duval (Eddy), Dwain Brown (Eddy), Jolene LaVallie (Rolette), Sharon Hendrickson (Towner)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gail Pearson (Cavalier), Gloria Vetsch (Benson), Lois Jacobson (Eddy)

STAFF PRESENT: Perry Lundon, Executive Director, Lanny Duhamel, Deputy Director, Dorothy Weigel, Business Manager, Marlene Young, Secretary/Fiscal Aide

CALL TO ORDER: Perry Lundon, Executive Director, called the meeting to order with eight (8) board members present, constituting a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A copy of the November 19, 2005, board minutes was mailed to all board members. Dawn Roppel made a motion to accept the November 19, 2005 board meeting minutes as presented. Dwain Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD ISSUES: Perry visiting with Tim Shirk and Tim would be interested in serving on the DPCAA Board of Directors. This will be discussed at a later date. Jolene LaVallie and Dwain Brown's first terms will be up in September and November, 2006, respectfully. Jolene represents the low-income sector so there would have to be an election and Dwain would need a letter from the Eddy County Auditor's to serve another term.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: No questions or comments.

WEATHERIZATION REPORT: Lanny reported that there is talk of cutting the DOE budget by 33%. This seems unlikely. The possibility of getting any LIHEAP transfer funds is almost impossible. LIHEAP transfer funds are any excess fuel assistance funds that are left over from the previous year. Montana-Dakota Utilities donated \$4,375.00. The fund may be used for whatever type of weatherization assistance is needed for a client.

LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION: According to David Bradley, lobbyist for CSBG, this has been the most difficult bi-partisan Congress that he has worked with in the last 25 years of working on Capitol Hill. It will probably only get worse as it gets closer to an election. CSBG was zero funded in the Bush administration budget last year and it is again this year. Since this is an election year, it is unlikely that CSBG funding will be cut completely.

