

Harmony EDA Minutes

March 14, 2016
7:00 PM

Community Center
Council Room

Present: Deb Swenson, Andy Batstone, and Kerry Kingsley

Also present: Kyle Morem, Emily Ellis, Deb Ristau, Susan Sikkink, Craig Britton, Ross Kiehne, Jade Sexton, Melissa Vanderplas, Heath Olstad, Richard Keith, Jim Love, Terry Bigalk, and Chris Giesen

The special joint meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Deb Swenson

Special Joint Meeting Discussion

The Harmony Economic Development Authority met in joint session with the Harmony City Council and Fillmore County School board for the purposes of discussing current project updates, short and long term goals of each board, and opportunities for collaboration on common goals.

Representatives of each board participated in an open discussion workshop. No official action was taken by any board.

Consensus among all groups was that over the next year they would continue to seek opportunities to work together on issues. Specific issues that were discussed included a new location for a baseball field, taking advantage of marketing the community when events like basketball tournaments are in town, if the boards could work together to redevelop properties as those opportunities arise, a potential field house at the community center, and comments and concerns received from the public related to the school's proposed parking lot at the high school.

Consensus of all three boards was that they found value in this event and should meet annually in a similar fashion but should try to find a annually reoccurring night to make scheduling easier.

Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Swenson adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.