

MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, July 18, 2008
Vance Building, Seattle

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Gloria Burton, Guillermo Castaneda, Donn Etherington, Mike Gempler, Billie Heath, Dixie Kracht, Marty Miller, John Smith, Stella Vasquez, Mario Villanueva and Mike Youngquist. Ex Officio members present: Janet Abbett, Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development and Mary McBride, Office of U.S. Senator Patty Murray. Staff present: Brien Thane and Rosalinda Mendoza.

Members not present: Roger Bairstow, Alicia McRae, Tomás Villanueva, and Steven Witte.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mario Villanueva called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m., there being a quorum present.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was reviewed. Mario asked to include discussion of the Executive Director's Evaluation to the end of the agenda. Board members present agreed.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the June 27, 2008 Board meeting were reviewed. *Guillermo Castaneda moved approval of the Minutes. Mike Gempler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

III. Farmworker Survey Report: Part I

The survey release will be on Friday, August 15th in Seattle and targeted to funders and Seattle media. Brien Thane reported that Craig Nolte of the Federal Reserve of San Francisco volunteered to sponsor lunch and the venue at the Hilton for our Survey Release event.

Board members discussed the significance of the farmworker survey report to each of the four constituent sectors. John Smith suggested that a letter from the Trust President be included in the survey packet sent to the funders that clarifies the data included in the survey. Directors present agreed that Mario write an introductory letter on behalf of the Trust.

General discussion ensued. Staff will transcribe and distribute the flip-chart notes of this discussion.

IV. Announcements and Updates

Mario asked to skip Announcements and Updates in the agenda because of the lack of time and the directors agreed.

V. Farmworker Survey Report: Part II

Directors finalized plans for the public presentation of the report and roll-out activities. Staff recommended that Mario, Mike Gempler, Steven Witte and Stella Vasquez speak on behalf of their constituency at the main event in Seattle. Mario and other directors suggested that Gloria Burton also speak at the event and directors agreed. Mary McBride announced that Senator Murray would not be able to attend the event. Brien and Mary agreed to work on a video from the Senator or some other alternative such as a letter from the Senator. Gloria advised that we invite two farmworker families from Eastern and Western Washington to the main event. Board members present agreed. Staff asked directors to email their invitation list with contact information by Friday, July 25th. Mario and Billie volunteered CCHS and RCAC to help develop a press release for the Trust. Gloria asked whether the Executive Summary will be translated to Spanish. Mario offered to have his CCHS staff translate the Executive Summary and asked staff to email him the final summary. Billie Heath proposed that a Planning Committee be formed to help finalize the survey event. Billie and Dixie Kracht volunteered to be part of the committee and help Craig Nolte with venue preparations. Brien stated that he will meet with the event presenters to discuss the Trust's survey conclusions and recommendations. Marty also offered to help with the Trust's conclusions.

VI. Western Migrant Stream Health Conference January 2008

Since Alice Larson had not arrived yet, it was agreed by consensus to continue with the next agenda item.

VII. USDA Section 514/516 Stakeholder Meeting

Marty Miller reported that various stakeholders met with Russ Davis, Rural Housing Service (RHS) Administrator, and his staff to discuss the future of the 514/516 program. Marty stated that the meeting seemed to move in a positive direction, but that two weeks after the meeting RHS proposed to Congress eliminating the 514/516 program.

VIII. September 19 Meeting Agenda Items

Board members agreed to omit September 19 Meeting Agenda Items because of limited time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus and convened in Executive Session at 2:40 p.m. to consider the evaluation of the Executive Director.

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Secretary

Approved: _____
President/Vice President