

Minutes  
FMC Community Empowerment Board  
June 13, 2006 – 6:30 p.m. – Charles City Public Library

The FMC Community Empowerment Board meeting on June 13, 2006, was called to order by Chair Virgil Pickar, Jr. Board members answering roll call: Pickar, Larry Hicok, Mark Knutdson, Cheryl Jahnel, Frank Rottinghaus, Anne Windolf, Bonnie Blake, Elayne Werges, and Kathy Herrick. Members absent: Kathy Babcock, Shannon Paulus, Jon Cook, Sue Paulus, and Jennifer Bauer. Pickar determined that quorum was present to conduct business. Motion by Hicok to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Herrick. Vote taken, all aye – motion carried.

A review of the May, 2006 meeting minutes was next item. Motion by Rottinghaus, seconded by Blake to approve the minutes as presented. Vote taken, all aye – motion carried.

Chair Pickar then introduced Misty Gray, Coordinator of the EAGLE early literacy program. Misty announced that she has resigned with an effective date of June 23, 2006. Resignation so noted. Misty then gave the Board an update on current EAGLE projects and future projects for consideration. Board members expressed their appreciation to Misty for her service to the FMC Empowerment area as the EAGLE coordinator.

Chair Pickar then recognized Frank Rottinghaus, elected representative for Floyd County. Rottinghaus submitted his letter of resignation to the FMC Board, which stated that he has served on the FMC Empowerment Board since its inception and has grown as a result of his participation in the empowerment process. Board members regretfully accepted this resignation.

Next item of business was a presentation by the RFP (request for proposal) Committee of the results of their review of the RFP applications received by the FMC Empowerment Board. Members of the RFP committee were: Kathy Babcock, Shannon Paulus, Elayne Werges, Anne Windolf, and Virgil Pickar, Jr. with assistance from Laurie Kristianson, FMC Empowerment Coordinator. Proposals received were from: Child Care Resource and Referral, TEACH, Provider Scholarships, Preschool Scholarships – umbrella for all preschools in the three-county area; EAGLE, Speech Therapy; Public Health – Mitchell; Public Health – Chickasaw; Public Health – Floyd; Head Start – Floyd/Mitchell; Head Start – Chickasaw; and Learning Connections – St. Ansgar, Mitchell County. Note: No RFP from Charles City Teen Daycare.

The RFP Committee members provided a summary of the review and held question and answer with program members present. See a copy of the RFP Committee written comments attached to the minutes.

Chair Pickar stated appreciation from the board to the RFP Committee for their thorough work done on the review of the RFPs. There will be a meeting of the Fiscal Committee to evaluate the program requests, determine budget proposal amounts, and prepare a proposal for FMC Empowerment Board consideration. After the fiscal committee meeting, a special FMC Empowerment Board meeting will be set. Reminder that no new funds are released from the State Empowerment Board to local empowerment boards until local budgets are submitted and approved by the State.

Motion by Werges, seconded by Windolf to adjourn the meeting. Vote taken, all aye. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Jahnel, Secretary