

## Minutes from Executive Meeting - October 27, 2008

In attendance - Judi Martin, Jan Davis, Linda Eidem, Cory Fuehrer and Mike Kelly. Notes taken by Mike.

1. Where are we at on the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws? Jan will be speaking with BH attorneys on tying them together with Creighton, and about the back dating and signature of the by-laws (approved in March).

2. Data collection - United Way is gathering the information. I will provide information by Black Hills, NPPD, OPPD and M.U.D. about payments made in FY2008. Payments will be doubled in FY2009, so we are looking at potential amounts paid to these providers.

Time issues and collecting information by the utility companies. That is why it is important to get the funding information to the utilities.

It was approved for United Way to release current data on disconnects/arrearages. It will be yearly information for 2007 and quarterly information for 2008.

3. Headstart - not sure what was discussed on conference call October 24. Linda will do a final summary page for the guide and this will be written for book and video.

Costs and funding for the video and then look at doing a Spanish version for the book and video. Waiting to hear from Education Committee on recommendations as to how to overcome the roadblock of the language barrier. Also, looking to see if some of the utilities would be willing to provide funding (in addition to NEAN providing some of the funding) for the Spanish version.

4. Calendar for NEAN meetings for 2009. The months are January, April, July and October.

5. Symposium to be held in spring of 2009. The plan is to do a video conference statewide. Looking for people to help this planning.

### Additional notes from Mike Kelly:

For FY2008 (October 2007 - September 2008) the following utilities received LIHEAP funds in the approximate amount of:

Black Hills	\$1,300,000.
M.U.D.	\$2,900,000.
NPPD	\$630,000.
NorthWestern Energy	\$468,000.
OPPD	\$2,800,000.
SourceGas	\$750,000.

The funding is increasing and there is a very good chance the amount received by the utilities will double for this following year.

I hope that these numbers help you in going after shut-off and arrearage information.