

**NIEF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**January 9, 2012 – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Nebraska Public Service Commission Hearing Room**  
**300 The Atrium**  
**1200 N Street**  
**Lincoln, NE 68508**

**Meeting Called to Order at 1:30 p.m. by Nichole Mulcahy:**

**Roll Call**

**Attending were the following:**

Ed Cole

John Jordison

Chuck Whitney

Jim Nekuda

Linn Gowen

Commissioner Tim Schram

**Not Attending:**

Rick Nelsen

Those attending from Commission staff were: Nichole Mulcahy, Staff Attorney; Gene Hand, Director of Communications; John Burvainis, Deputy Director; and Deena Ackerman, Administrative Assistant, Communications.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chuck Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2011, meeting as written. The motion was seconded by John Jordison. Motion carried unanimously.

**Elect New Board Chair and Vice Chair:** Nichole asked for nominations for Chair. Ed Cole nominated John Jordison. The nomination was carried unanimously. John then asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Ed Cole nominated Linn Gowen. The nomination was carried unanimously.

**NIEF Financial Report:** John Burvainis reviewed the spending authority and cash balances for the fiscal years of 2011-12 and 2012-13. Chuck Whitney made a motion to accept the financial report. It was seconded by Jim Nekuda.

**Discuss & Determine Grant Applications to be recommended to the Commission:** The Humphrey Tower Relocation Project was discussed. Chuck Whitney answered some questions pertaining to the project. Jim Nekuda made a motion to recommend this application to the Commission, Ed Cole seconded it. Motion carried unanimously with Chuck Whitney recusing himself from the vote. The Rural Box Butte County; Fiber to

Home (FTTH) Project was discussed. Chuck Whitney made a motion to recommend this application to the Commission, Jim Nekuda seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.  
**Scheduling next meeting:** Staff will contact the members for future meeting when funding is available for new grants.

**Adjourn:** The NIEF Advisory Board adjourned at 2:20 p.m.