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The Update

Serving Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, and Shelby Counties

SWIPCO · Southwest Iowa Planning Council-Region XIII

October 2010

35TH ANNUAL MEETING

Southwest Iowa Planning Council held their 35th Annual Meeting September 30 at the Fountains Ballroom in Mills County.

Guests were welcomed to the meeting by Mills County Supervisor and SWIPCO Policy Council member Richard Crouch.

MJ Broomfield, Executive Director, presented the Annual Report to the assembly; and highlighted a few of the many accomplishments from the past year. These include securing \$_____ million in funding for city and county projects, assisting 144 homeowners purchase and/or rehabilitate their homes, and giving 288,105 rides for the year through SWITA.

John Dean, Glenwood native and Chairman of Glenwood State Bank, gave a brief history of Mills County.

Tom Cope, of Ahlers, Cooney, & Cope Law Firm, gave a brief presentation on what the 2011 political climate looks like. This included information on what can be expected if Iowa has a Republican governor with a democrat controlled congress.

SWIPCO also presented six awards during the meeting.

The *Shining Star* Award was given to Dale Lacombe, Glenwood taxi driver, in recognition of outstanding efforts to make a difference in southwest Iowa. Last year Dale provided 2,462 rides for



Left to Right: SWIPCO Community Development Specialist John McCurdy, Mills County Supervisor Richard Crouch, SWIPCO Executive Director MJ Broomfield, and Mills County Supervisor Joe Blankenship.

the residents of Glenwood as a subcontractor for SWITA. Without Dale, taxi service in Glenwood would have been discontinued six years ago, and his dedication is what keeps the taxi running.

Three individuals were recognized for outstanding service in southwest Iowa with the *Serving Bright* award.

Nedra Fliehe was recognized for her 30 years of service to the City of Logan. While serving the City of Logan Nedra spearheaded many projects, including a community center, pool, and park shelter.

Bob Sullivan was recognized for his 26 years of service to the City of Woodbine. Bob's leadership lead to many accomplishments for the city, including the new downtown revitalization pro-

ject.

Pat Shull was recognized for her 20 years on the SWIPCO Board of Directors and efforts for the betterment of Fremont County, including the Iowa Welcome Center at the intersection of I-29 and Highway 2.

The *Together We Have...* Award was presented to the USDA—Rural Development Atlantic office in recognition of the special partnership between USDA-RD and SWIPCO. Our combined efforts have assisted communities with infrastructure and community facility projects, as well as individual households on home repairs and home ownership.

The *Shining Bright* award was pre-

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BUSINESS RLF AWARDED ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM USDA

The United States Department of Agriculture awarded Southwest Iowa Planning Council \$95,000 to provide small and emerging businesses in Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Montgomery, Page and Shelby counties loans for business development. The grant is designed to provide

an incentive for business expansion, job retention and creation, and private investment in rural areas of Iowa.

RLF loans fill the “gap” between conventional bank financing, owner equity and the total amount necessary to complete a proposed business project. Eligible

activities include: acquiring or improving land and buildings; construction; new machinery or equipment; and working or start-up capital needs.

Revolving loans include fixed interest rates and terms of 3-12 years, depending on the collateral used to secure the loan.

For more information about this loan program and other business programs, please contact Courtney Harter at 1-866-279-4720 or courtney.harter@swipco.org.



Faithfully serving the needs of our counties and cities for 35 years!

GRANT APPLICATIONS DEADLINE

Grant	Funding Uses	Eligible Applicants	Deadline
CDBG Housing	Housing rehabilitation, homeownership assistance	Local governments	Approximately December 8
CDBG Water/Sewer	Water & Sewer systems	Local governments	Approximately November 3
CDBG Community Facilities	Child care centers, community centers, homeless shelters, etc.	Local governments	Approximately January 5

35TH ANNUAL MEETING CONTINUED

sented to the Mills County Board of Supervisors in recognition of extraordinary accomplishment and effort. Joe Blankenship, Richard Crouch, and Ronald Kohn, along with Mills County auditor Carol Robertson, has time after time championed projects that have major positive impacts on the lives of Mills County residents.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, the Annual Report is on the SWIPCO website, www.swipco.org.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact SWIPCO at 712-243-4196 or swipco@swipco.org.



SWIPCO and USDA Rural Development Atlantic Office Staff.

BROOMFIELD ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After 8 1/2 years as Executive Director at SWIPCO, I have decided to resign, effective Dec. 31, 2010.

I THANK the many friends and partners I gained while working at SWIPCO/SWITA as we strive for the

betterment of southwest Iowa. I am looking forward to finding new ways to continue some of those efforts. And, as all resigning grandparents say, and I really mean, I am looking forward to more time with the world's most wonderful grandson!

I am very proud of the professional SWIPCO staff that is here to serve your needs. They are a great team and will continue to make southwest Iowa a great place to live. Remember, the city and county members created SWIPCO to serve you!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Clarinda ~ Oct. 16** – 51st Annual Clarinda Craft Carnival! This craft carnival features over 425 booths of handmade crafts at the Page County Fairgrounds, Clarinda Pavilion, Clarinda Academy Activity Building, and Iowa Western Community College Activity Building with shuttle buses between sites.
- **Clarinda ~ Oct. 23** – Clarinda Ghost Walk at 10:30 a.m. Children parade around the downtown businesses in their costumes to trick or treat!
- **Glenwood ~ Oct. 23** – 8th Annual Glenwood Square Crow Day-Treating on the Glenwood Square. Local businesses and organizations will be passing out treats from 10 a.m. to noon.
- **Glenwood ~ Oct. 24** – 2010 Halloween Haunt at the Mills County Historical Museum in Glenwood Lake Park.
- **Harlan ~ Oct. 30** – Harvest Fest in the City of Harlan
- **Clarinda ~ Nov. 4** – Chamber Holiday Chili Supper 5-7 p.m. Chili, dessert and a drink will be served, plus entertainment! Several businesses will also be on hand to showcase their holiday merchandise.
- **Red Oak ~ Nov. 8** – Performing Arts & Education Association presents “Strings Unlimited Concert” at 7:30 p.m. at the Wilson Performing Arts Center
- **Red Oak ~ Nov. 9**— 8th Annual Holiday Extravaganza ‘Candy Land’ 5-8 p.m. at the Red Coach Inn & Restaurant. Tickets are \$9 per person and can be purchased at the Red Oak chamber office.
- **Harlan ~ Nov. 11-13th**—Harlan Holiday Open House and recipe walk 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the 13th.
- **Red Oak ~ Nov. 12-14th**—Many holiday activities for the family to enjoy! Lemon Tree Annual Holiday Preview, Red Oak Holiday Open Houses, Bethlehem Lutheran church Cookie Walk & Craft Sale, and the Concert Chorale Gospel Concert is taking place at the Wilson Performing Arts Center.
- **Atlantic ~ Nov. 18**—Grand Lighting in Atlantic City Park! Festivities include seasonal entertainment, carriage rides, merchant open houses, and Santa visits in the cabin.
- **Red Oak ~ Nov. 20**—Carpe Diem String Quartet will perform at the Wilson Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.
- **Clarinda ~ Nov. 26** — The 18th Annual Clarinda Lighted Christmas Parade is taking place at 6 p.m. Over 75-lighted floats decorate the Clarinda Downtown Square for this holiday parade.
- **Red Oak ~ Nov. 26-28**—Victorian Christmas town holiday celebration! For a complete list of activities please call 623-4821.
- **Atlantic ~ Dec. 2-5**—A weekend full of holiday fun! Activities include Festival of Trees, Lighted Christmas Parade, Fireworks, breakfast with Santa and much more! For a complete list of activities please visit www.atlanticiowa.com.
- **Clarinda ~ Dec. 9**—The Taste of Clarinda from 4:30-7 p.m. Sample favorite holiday recipes and collect recipe cards for your home collection as you stroll and shop the Clarinda businesses.
- **Red Oak ~ Dec. 9**—O’Neill Brothers Christmas Show at 7:30 p.m. at the Wilson Performing Arts Center
- **Atlantic ~ Dec. 11**—Holiday Concert and Angels of Christmas at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. The melodies of the holidays will be performed by local musicians and two individuals who symbolize the true meaning of the season will be selected as the Angels of Christmas.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To

- Kelly Davis ~ October 18 ~ 17 years
- Ryan Fincel ~ October 28 ~ 2 years
- Tammy DeBord ~ December 10 ~ 3 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To

- Dave Riedemann ~ October 6
- Sandy Hansen ~ November 10
- MJ Broomfield ~ November 20
- Christy Bates ~ December 29
- Courtney Harter ~ December 29

SWIPCO Policy Council

Cass County

- Frank Waters
- Dave Jones

Fremont County

- Earl Hendrickson
- Pat Shull

Harrison County

- Gaylord Pitt
- Sherman Struble

Mills County

- Richard Crouch

Montgomery County

- Donna Robinson
- Brad Wright

Page County

- James Richardson
- Byron Harris

Shelby County

- James Burmeister
- Terry Arentson

Pottawattamie County

- Lynn Grobe

At-Large

- Dorothy Duran
- Karen Goehring
- Mike Kolbe

MEET STEVE ANDERSEN

SWIPCO/SWITA has a new Transit Director!! Steve Andersen is a native of Atlantic and an Iowa State Alumni. He has a wide variety of supervisory and management experience, most recently as the Regional Director for Iowa Workforce Development for the last 7 years. Previously he owned his own contracting business and was news director for KJAN from 2000-2001.

Steve is an accomplished writer, cycling enthusiast, and loves to camp. Steve and his wife, Sue, have 1 son, Avery, who is a 4th grader in Atlantic.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- SWIPCO Policy Council Meeting Thurs. Oct. 28 at 1:30 p.m. in Atlantic
- Business RLF Board meeting Fri. Nov. 19 at 9 a.m. in Atlantic
- SWIPCO/SWITA offices closed Friday December 24 in observance of Christmas
- Business RLF Board meeting Fri. Oct. 29 at 9 a.m. in Atlantic
- SWIPCO/SWITA offices closed Thurs. Nov. 25 & Fri. Nov. 26 in observance of Thanksgiving
- SWIPCO/SWITA offices closed Friday December 31 in observance of New Year's
- SWIPCO offices closed Thurs. Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day
- SWIPCO Nov./Dec. Policy Council meeting TBA
- SWIHTF board meeting Tues. Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. in Atlantic
- Business RLF Dec. Board meeting TBA



MJ Broomfield	Executive Director	Kelly Davis	Transit Coordinator	Sarah Jespersen	Transit Assistant
Mike Albin	Community Development	Tammy DeBord	Administrative Assistant	Karen Mauer	Finance Manager
Steve Andersen	Transit Director	Ryan Fincel	Community Coordinator	John McCurdy	Community Development
Christy Bates	Transit Assistant	Mark Hansen	Fleet Mechanic	Jeremy Middents	Housing Director
Crystal Cappel	Finance Director	Sandy Hansen	Housing Specialist	Dave Riedemann	Housing Programs Administrator
		Courtney Harter	Community Development	Teresa Wright	Transit Assistant