

Palo Alto County Economic Development Corporation received grant funds of \$52,500 from Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation. The grant was used for initial start-up funds and county data collection.

"The funding to Palo Alto County Economic Development Corporation has helped the county start data collecting and statistical analysis," said Maureen Elbert, Executive Director. "This information is necessary to be eligible for financial assistance to apply for grant funds through the Iowa Values Fund. We are working to get all the communities done, as well as bring Palo Alto County up to date."

In addition to data collecting, the web site is being updated, and fundamental concepts are being prepared.

"The more prepared we are, the more successful we will be," said Elbert. "We need to show what land is available and where industrial parks are located in Palo Alto County. That type of critical information must be available on line."

Palo Alto County Economic Development Corporation and Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation met outside of POET for a photo.

"Our group took the lead in getting the enterprise zone expanded for existing plant expansion and potential future expansion of POET," Elbert explained.

Source: The Emmetsburg Reporter/Emmetsburg Democrat, Sept. 2007. Article and Photo by Jane Whitmore



photo information: PALO ALTO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION received grant funds of \$52,500 from Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation. Pictured (from the left) are Maureen Elbert, Executive Director of Kossuth/Palo Alto Economic Development Corporation, with board members Daron Wilson of Emmetsburg; Jerry Hofstad, Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors; Tom Brotherton, Emmetsburg; Harry Bormann, Cylinder; Leo Goeders, Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors; Greg Blair, West Bend; Mike Thompson, Mallard; Lloyd Peterson, who served on the economic development board and is a member of the gaming board; and Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation members Don Miller, chairman Bill Lapczenski, Tracey Mattice, Norlyn Stowell and Nate Newhouse. Not present for the photo were PACEDC members Kris Ausborn of Emmetsburg, Bob Benkendorf of Algona and Mike Reynolds of Ruthven; and PACGDC members Patty Cook and Skip Wallace. -- Jane Whitmore photo