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ERDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 2022  
MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Matt Parrish, Sandra Robinett, Dwight Hughes, Jerald Gilbert, Rob Stallings, Jon Blankenship, Dave Lamerton, Todd Earl, Whitney Roberts, Martie Oyler, Don Roberts, George Pankonin, Martie Oyler Scott Athey

**ABSENT:** Kyle Williams

**STAFF:** Lisa Powell, Debbie Moore

**GUESTS:** Justin Hunt, Lisa White, Tambi Brown

**CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting of the ERDA Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Matt Parrish at 10:02 am.

**MINUTES:** Motion to approve minutes from previous meetings of August 11, 2022, September 9, 2022 and September 28, 2022 by Scott Athey with second by Dave Lamerton passed unanimously.

**FINANCIALS:** Financial reports as of June 30, 2022, were reviewed with the board by Scott Athey, Treasurer. Due to the pending audit report for FYE June 30, 2022, the financials were not considered for approval pending the final audit report. All questions were answered by Lisa Powell or Scott Athey.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Matt Parrish appointed an audit committee to consist of Scott Athey, who will be Chair, Jerald Gilbert, and Matt Parrish. The committee will review the draft report when the auditors from Saunders and Associates return it. The auditors have verbalized "no findings" after they were here for 4 days doing field work. These same auditors perform the GCIA audit at the same time.

**2023 MEETINGS CALENDAR:** The proposed ERDA Board Meeting and Luncheon calendar was reviewed for approval. Motion to approve as presented by George Pankonin with second by Martie Oyler passed unanimously.

**HOUSING STUDY:** Lisa Powell shared the steps taken regarding the Housing Study being done by RDG. Monday will be the town hall neighborhood meeting for the Longfellow/Garfield school neighborhood to be held at the Open Door Church gym. Focus groups with builders, realtors, employers, nonprofit, public officials, social services, rental property managers as well as city employees working in the code department, engineering, management and CDSA will take place Tuesday through Wednesday. The RDG team will be here all 3 days from Omaha, Nebraska and will also do some field work looking at inventory in the additional area of focus around Longfellow and Garfield Schools.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:**



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**NEW BUSINESS LIST:** Businesses are continuing to invest and build and open. List of current businesses having opened or planning to open was provided to the board indicating things are still moving along in Enid even with inflation and rising interest rates.

**MANUFACTURING DAY:** Last week, Lisa Powell toured the Tyson 54<sup>th</sup> street plant with our local legislators in honor of Manufacturing Day. She expressed it was great to see how Tyson feeds the nation out of Enid, OK. Tyson's government affairs contact was also present and willing to assist ERDA and GCIA in any way possible.

**NwOA:** The Teeny Tiny Town Summit hosted by Northwest Oklahoma Alliance will be held October 25<sup>th</sup> in Woodward. Lisa Powell is the current President of NwOA.

**TOP GRANT FINAL REPORT:** Tonya Crist will be in Enid October 26<sup>th</sup> to give the final report and evaluation of the Cimmaron Airpark at Woodring Airport. ERDA board members were encouraged to attend to hear the recommendations from professional site selectors.

**IPG GRANT - AVIATION:** Lisa Powell explained that ERDA is participating in the IPG Grant to enhance aviation training and add to the aviation related workforce in the community. The training includes youth programs to inspire and introduce careers in aviation all the way to flight school. Our partners include Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Northern Oklahoma College, Enid Public Schools, Chisholm Public Schools, and Autry Technology Center as well as other business owners with an aviation focus. The grant funds will support additional programs and could even support students that enroll in these programs. Expenditures will be based on what the IPG Grant committee decides is the best way to improve the workforce pipeline. Kinsley Jordan is the consultant hired to lead these efforts.

**ERDA QUARTERLY LUNCHEON:** November 9<sup>th</sup> is the next ERDA Quarterly Luncheon to be held at Oakwood Country Club from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Chancellor Allyson Garrett, chief executive officer for the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education (OSRHE) will be our guest speaker. Chancellor Garrett will share workforce initiatives underway, and we will hear her vision and plans for higher ed and workforce development in Oklahoma.

**RENEW:** The new wind industry gear box re-manufacturing plant has scheduled their groundbreaking next Thursday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Autry Technology Center will be there as they are working closely with Renew on training programs. ERDA board members are welcome to attend as well. Lisa will not be available to attend, and Debbie will be out of town. We are fortunate to have Renew in Enid and appreciate their investment here.

**INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT:** Enid has been recommended to receive \$16M in grant funds by the state pandemic committee, but no formal announcement has been made yet. These funds would be for water and sewer in an industrial park.



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THANK YOU: Matt Parrish voiced appreciation on behalf of the ERDA Board of Directors for Lisa Powell's 13 years of service to ERDA and the many accomplishments made during her tenure. Lisa presented her resignation effective October 14<sup>th</sup> at the previous ERDA board meeting.

RECESS TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to recess and convene into Executive Session by Sandra Robinett with second by Dwight Hughes passed unanimously.

RECONVENE INTO SPECIAL SESSION: Motion to reconvene into regular session by Todd Earl with second by Sandra Robinett passed unanimously.

MOTION 1: Motion to accept Lisa Powell's resignation effective 10/14/2022 by Don Roberts with second by Todd Earl passed unanimously.

MOTION 2: Motion by Don Roberts with second by George Pankonin to remove Lisa Powell from all business accounts (banking, subscriptions, accounts payable business accounts, etc.) effective 10/14/2022 passed unanimously.

MOTION 3: Motion by Don Roberts with second by Sandra Robinett to name Debbie Moore as Interim Executive Director effective 10/14/2022 passed unanimously.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by George Pankonin with second by Todd Earl passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Debbie Moore, Staff

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Matt Parrish, Chair