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ERDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 9, 2023
MINUTES

PRESENT: Matt Parrish, Sandra Robinett, Jon Blankenship, Todd Earl, Martie Oyler, Don Roberts, George Pankonin, Scott Athey, Kyle Williams, Jenny Ahrens, Rob Stallings, Whitney Roberts, Chris Jones, Dwight Hughes

ABSENT: Dave Lamerton, Jerald Gilbert, David Lawrence

STAFF: Charlene Flanery, Debbie Moore

GUESTS: Justin Hunt, Lisa White, Tambi Brown, Ben Ezzell, Rex Bland, Julie Bland

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the ERDA Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Matt Parrish at 10:02 am. A quorum was present. Rex and Julie Bland with Wako welcomed the board and guests to their facility. Matt Parrish welcomed Charlene Flanery to her first ERDA board meeting as the new Executive Director.

FUNDING REQUEST: Matt Parrish reminded the board they received an application for funding by email from Ben Ezzell for \$40,000. The funds would be used for Itinerant Immersive a mobile immersive art exhibit he plans to take around the state. Funding would be used towards equipment that would be used while renovating a mobile home into an art exhibit that would look like a spaceship. Questions were asked and answered. The Chairman called for any action by the board, but no action was taken.

MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting of February 9, 2022, as presented made by Todd Earl with second by Don Roberts passed unanimously.

FINANCIALS: Financial reports as of December 30, 2022, were reviewed with the board by Scott Athey, Treasurer. Motion to approve financial reports as presented by Don Roberts with second by Todd Earl passed unanimously. A question regarding encumbered funds for a sprinkler grant awarded over 4 years ago to Enid Brewing Company was addressed. The board directed staff to explain to Brady we would no longer hold this award for him, we will cancel the award, and a new application with updated quotes and bids would be required for consideration in the future.

BUDGET REQUEST: Charlene Flanery suggested a flat budget request of \$800,000 from the City Commissioners when she goes before the board for FY 23-24 funding. She has talked with Jerald Gilbert about this and he concurred. Motion to approve a budget request of \$800,000 from the City of Enid for FY 23-24 by Sandra Robinett with second by Kyle Williams passed unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Martie Oyler, Chair of the Nominating Committee notified the board the committee has asked Matt Parrish and Kyle Williams to serve another 3-year term and they have agreed.



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The Committee also will present the name of Tom Evans as a Business Member Representative to the members at our members meeting in April. Appreciation was expressed to Dave Lamerton, who was not present, for his years of service since he is rolling off the board and retiring from Hanor.

ENID SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM: Debbie Moore reported to the board we have 11 rooms reserved through Northern Oklahoma College (NOC) for interns and all rooms have been spoken for. The rate per room has gone up from \$200 per month to \$300 per month. The board was verbally supportive of moving forward with the room contract with NOC. No action was taken.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Due to fall break and our guest speaker's schedule in October, the October 12th luncheon needs moved to October 19th. Motion to approve the date change by Martie Oyler with second by Dwight Hughes passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Charlene Flanery gave a recap of the events of the week since she began employment at ERDA.

RECESS TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to recess to convene into executive session by Todd Earl with second by Whitney Roberts passed unanimously.

RECONVENE: Motion to reconvene into rescheduled regular session by Todd Earl with second by Don Roberts passed unanimously.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Parrish.

Addendum: A tour of Wako's manufacturing plant was offered to the board members after the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Moore, Staff

Matt Parrish, Chair