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ERDA Board Meeting
August 10, 2023
Minutes

PRESENT: Matt Parrish, Kyle Williams, David Mason, Sandra Robinett, Scott Athey, Dwight Hughes, Don Roberts, Todd Earl, Martie Oyler, Tom Evans, Chris Jones, Jerald Gilbert, Jenny Ahren, Rob Stallings, Jon Blankenship

ABSENT: Whitney Roberts, David Lawrence

GUESTS: Wesley Javorsky, Peyton Burns, Quinton Gray

STAFF: Debbie Moore

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Matt Parrish at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

MINUTES JULY 18, 2023: Minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting on July 18, 2023 were considered for approval. Motion by Tom Evans with second by Todd Earl to approve the minutes as presented, passed unanimously.

MINUTES JULY 26, 2023: Minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting on July 26, 2023 were considered for approval. Motion by Chris Jones with second by Dwight Hughes to approve the minutes as presented, passed unanimously.

FINANCIALS: Scott Athey reviewed the financial reports as of May 31, 2023. All questions were answered. Motion to approve the financial reports as presented by Todd Earl with second by Chris Jones passed unanimously.

IPG AVIATION UPDATE: Debbie Moore updated the board on recent activity related to the Industry Partnership Grant for Aviation and Aerospace workforce development. Aviation gas scholarships of \$2500 each were awarded to 7 students taking flight lessons and currently enrolled in the AOPA programs at either Enid High School or Chisholm High School. Debbie also reported the grant funds that have not been used will roll over to this next fiscal year with a deadline of 12/31/2024 for all grant funds to be expended.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Jon Blankenship reported there were 19 resumes received in the search for a new Executive Director. The Search Committee will meet today to narrow this down to a short list of candidates to interview.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Jon Blankenship, Interim Executive Director, asked Debbie Moore to give a couple of updates. Debbie reported the 2023 Annual Report has been printed and will be available to members at the October luncheon. They will be mailed to each ERDA business member as well. Debbie reported the logo for GCIA has been created by Kevin Friesen along with branding guidelines. This will help as we ramp up recruiting businesses to the industrial parks. Debbie also mentioned the OK Water Resources Board is beginning a series of public meetings requesting input on the State's water plan they are currently beginning to work on. Jon Blankenship reported Bri-Steel's Quality Jobs application was

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approved. He also mentioned Renew Energy will be hiring once their new building is up with 50 new hires expected working up to 100 employees in 2 years. Jon also mentioned Debbie Moore, David Mason and Jon Blankenship will attend the Select Oklahoma Conference in Oklahoma City August 27-29th.

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

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION: Motion to reconvene into regular session by Sandra Robinett with second by Dwight Hughes passed unanimously.

ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Don Roberts with second by David Mason passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Moore, Staff

Matt Parrish, Chairman of the Board