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ERDA Board of Directors Meeting
October 17, 2024
Minutes

PRESENT: Kyle Williams, David Mason, Don Roberts, Drew Ewbank, Tom Evans, Buddy Nicholas, Whitney Roberts, Matt Parrish, Keaton Frances, Jerald Gilbert, Jon Blankenship

ABSENT: David Lawrence, Andie Cremer, Lucas Dillingham, Scott Athey, Rob Stallings, Dwight Hughes

STAFF: Marcie Mack, Meredith Wright, Debbie Moore

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Kyle Williams, Chair. A quorum was confirmed to be present.

MINUTES: Previous meeting minutes from September 19, 2024, were presented for approval. Motion to approve minutes as presented by David Mason with second by Tom Evans, passed unanimously.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Jerald Gilbert reported on behalf of Scott Athey, Chair of the Audit Committee since he was unable to attend. The committee reviewed the FY24 Audit Report with no findings and recommended the board approve the FY24 audit report completed by Robert St. Pierre, CPA. Don Roberts seconded the committee's recommendation, and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Marcie Mack, Executive Director, reported the following:

- Thank you to those that attended Bri-Steel's Open House event. They are now in production.
- The Atlanta/Greenville Site Selectors trip resulted in a possible opportunity to tell Oklahoma's story via the German American Chamber of Commerce. They will highlight Oklahoma to their partners as a place they may want to move their business to in America.
- Sparq Renewables and Bri-Steel are new ERDA members, which brings us to 59 members.
- Retail Strategies has toured Enid, met with staff and provided a Retail Recruitment Plan. (A copy is provided to each board member.)
- Wednesday, October 23, 2024, is the Enid Women in Business Summit with #80 registrants attending.
- The Academy of State Goals is scheduled for October 27-30 and Marcie will be attending. The topics for discussion are Politics, Primaries & Polarization.
- On November 20th Director Thompson, OOA and Director Ellen Buettner, OHA and Commissioner Mulready will be in Enid to tour healthcare facilities and discuss physician recruitment and healthcare reimbursement concerns. A reception will end the day at Oakwood Country Club from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm with healthcare providers, ERDA Board members, and other special guests invited.
- Applications for all ERDA's assistance programs are now streamlined with online applications and email responses to completed applications on the growenid.com website.
- GCIA's bond with OG&E has been renewed through 2039.



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- Northwest Oklahoma Alliance's Teeny Tiny Town Summit will be held next week in Woodward. ERDA is a sponsor. Meredith and Debbie will attend.
- December 11th the Regional Housing Forum will be in Enid. Having this group in Enid will help keep Enid's projects at the forefront of their mind. The forum will help developers as they complete forms for new housing legislation.
- IPG Aviation Grant funds closes December 31, 2024. We have approximately \$30,000 to spend on the \$175,000 grant. We are planning the 2nd annual Aviation Day event in April 2025.

RECESS TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to recess to convene into Executive Session by Tom Evans was seconded by Buddy Nicholas and passed unanimously.

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSSION: Motion to reconvene into regular session by Don Roberts with second by Keaton Francis passed unanimously.

MICROENTERPRISE GRANT: Motion by Tom Evans to award Rylee Hummel, owner of Sharp Faith Dance Studio, a Microenterprise Grant in the amount of \$7047.17. Ms. Hummel is aware this is a reimbursable grant and will use the grant funds per CDBG and HUD guidelines.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the board, Kyle Williams, ERDA Board Chair called the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Moore, Staff

Kyle Williams, Chair