



ERDA Board of Directors Meeting

Date: May 8, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Autry Technology Center

Attendees: Kyle Williams, David Mason, Scott Athey, Don Roberts, Drew Ewbank, Rob Stallings, Buddy Nicholas, Tom Evans, Jon Blankenship, Jerald Gilbert, Whitney Roberts, David Lawrence

Absent: Dwight Hughes, Matt Parrish, Andie Cremer, Lucas Dillingham, Keaton Francis

Staff: Marcie Mack, Meredith Wright, Debbie Moore

1. 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.

2. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2025 meeting by David Mason was seconded by David Lawrence.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Financial Reports through April 30, 2025

The financial reports through April 30, 2025 were reviewed with the board members by Scott Athey, Treasurer, and an opportunity for any questions to be addressed was given. Motion to approve the financial reports through April 30, 2025 was made by Don Roberts with second by Drew Ewbank.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

4. Slate of Officers from the Nominating Committee

A slate of officers was presented by the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Kyle Williams. The slate of officers is Board Chair-David Lawrence; Vice-Chair-Drew Ewbank; Treasurer-Don Roberts and Immediate Past Chair is Kyle Williams by position. A second to the committee's recommendation was made by Tom Evans.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

5. Executive Director Report

Marcie Mack, Executive Director provided updates on organizational activities and upcoming projects as follows:

- RAM (Medical, dental and vision pop-up clinics) – July 11-13, 2025 at Stride Bank Center. More information to come. Volunteers are being recruited.
- Strategy Hub is being started at the request of a few business owners that came to ERDA asking for assistance in finding resources to grow their businesses. The Strategy Hub group will consist



of no more than 15 small business owners. ERDA will host an organizational meeting. Additional details to include a new ERDA membership level will come before the board at the next regular meeting.

- New Members since last meeting: No Man's Land Foods, LLC; Whiterock Resources, LLC; United Way of NW Oklahoma.
- Student Aero Day at Woodring was a success with 300 students, 16 schools and 20 vendors in attendance. This will be an annual event with plans starting soon on Student Aero Day 2026.
- First-ever Public-Private Partnership (P3) for Education and Workforce Development approved by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and managed by the Oklahoma Finance Authority. This will assist in constructing a new state-of-the-art Athletic Training and Education Center in Enid to address the state's rapidly growing need for athletic trainers. This will also help pre-health care students resulting in meeting workforce needs in schools, colleges and hospitals across the state.
- Northwest Water Action Team meeting went well with strategic plan outline created with a focus water quality permitting DEQ, infrastructure, legislative policy and funding resources.
- Teach 100 through NOC and NWOSU is a program to recruit education majors to help fill the gap of educators across the state of Oklahoma. ERDA helped them apply for a grant for \$25,000 with the Cherokee Strip Community Foundation for housing needs related to this effort.
- ERDA will have a presence with a series of articles in E-Town Magazine as well as a piece in the ballpark magazine as a thank you to the Paul and Joan Allen family for their investment in Enid.
- Communication with OG&E continues regarding power infrastructure with a target of 10MW in GCIA park. Discussion is also underway about the 66th street industrial park acres getting to 50 MW.
- The state of Oklahoma is hosting the Defense Industrial Base Conference (DIBCON) June 3-5 in Oklahoma City. ERDA will attend June 4th. Conference attendees will be small manufacturers, economic development organizations, defense industry leaders and the Department of Defense. The conference addresses the need for small businesses to be a part of the U.S. Industrial Base in support of national defense.
- Marcie Mack will attend EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI along with Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics (ODAA) and the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to talk with companies about the benefits of operating a business in Oklahoma. There will be pre-scheduled meetings arranged by ODAA with companies present at the Air Show. The weeklong trip will be split in half with Keston Cook, Woodring Airport Manager, attending the last half of the week. Keston will be available to talk with the pilots and share his expertise about the general aviation and Oklahoma airports.
- The Enid Summer Internship Program that provides housing for ERDA member's interns through a partnership with NOC-Enid will host 6 interns for 5 companies beginning Monday, May 19th through August 1st.
- Enid Young Professionals will host a lunch and learn on May 21st with Colonel Miller from Vance Air Force Base as guest speaker.



- Biz Boost will kick off on May 22nd with guest speakers on the topic of Foreign Trade Zones, Imports and Exports. This is one of the topics ERDA members have asked us to address. Biz Boost is for ERDA members only. Registration is requested.

6. Recess to Convene into Executive Session

Motion to recess the regular meeting and convene into Executive Session was made by David Mason and seconded by David Lawrence.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

The board recessed into Executive Session.

7. Reconvene into Executive Session

8. Consider approval of CDBG microenterprise grant application.

Motion by Tom Evans to approve a CDBG Microenterprise grant in the amount of \$6,971.32 to Scotty's Treats, LLC was seconded by Rob Stallings.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by David Lawrence was seconded by Don Roberts.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Debbie Moore, Operations Director

Kyle Williams, ERDA Board Chair