



**ENID REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

September 10, 2026 | 10:00 am
Autry Technology Center
1201 W. Willow, Enid, OK

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Drew Ewbank, Todd Earl, Don Roberts, David Lawrence, Lucas Dillingham, Rex VanMeter, Buddy Nicholas, Jeremy Hise, Tom Evans, David Mason, Ryan Zaloudek, Jerald Gilbert, Rob Stallings, Ghent Hopkins, Clarence Maly

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dwight Hughes, Keaton Francis, Whitney Roberts

STAFF PRESENT: Marcie Mack, Meredith Wright, Debbie Moore

GUESTS PRESENT: Kevin Hassler, Peyton Burns

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Drew Ewbank, Chair. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Board Retreat minutes from July 9, 2026 were presented for review. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Tom Evans with second by Buddy Nicholas. Motion passed unanimously.

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Preliminary financial reports through August 31, 2026 were presented for review. The Board reviewed the reports and took no action.

DOWNTOWN ENID PARK SHADE STRUCTURES: Participation in the sponsorship of two shade structures in the Downtown Enid Park, at \$10,000 each, payable over two years, was presented for consideration. Motion to approve participation in the sponsorship by Rob Stallings with second by Todd Earl. Motion passed unanimously.

HEARTLAND FORWARD DASHBOARD: The Board reviewed Heartland Forward Dashboard housing-related data. Marcie Mack provided an overview of the detailed information and discussed how the data could be used to support ERDA's work.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: The Executive Director provided a report regarding organizational activities and projects including the following:

- ERDA Article in Etown on Sports Tourism has been published
- ERDA participated in Work Ready Job Fair and will attend the OSU Job Fair next week. Job descriptions and internship opportunities requested from employers.
- Potential use of CDBG funds for projects in downtown opportunity zones will be discussed with Natalie Tuohy of Main Street Enid.
- ERDA was awarded two USDA grants to support Henry's Corner Store in Drummond and Bearhawk Aircraft in Fairview.



- ERDA grants for Joseph Lamerton Woodworking, LLC and St. Mary's Hospital have both been reimbursed in full.
- Marcie Mack attended Select Oklahoma's Site Selector events in Atlanta, GA and Greenville, SC including meetings with individual site selectors to build relationships and make sure they know more about Enid and the state of Oklahoma.
- The Kansas City Federal Reserve will provide an update during a luncheon hosted by ERDA at Oakwood Country Club on October 6.
- Marcie will attend the Heartland Forward Summit Sept. 30 – October 2.
- ERDA's Quarterly Luncheon on November 12th at Stride Bank Center will be in partnership with SHRM and the topic will be workforce.
- Project Thunderbird was announced by the developers, who will begin completing the necessary steps required for this large-scale industrial development. Public meetings will be held to answer questions. Information can be found at www.projectthunderbird.com and questions can be submitted. Their goal is to respond to those questions within 48 hours.
- New ERDA members: Johnston Grain and Rural Health Projects.

RECESS TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to recess into Executive Session at 10:32 a.m. by Todd Earl with second by Buddy Nicholas. The motion passed unanimously. All guests along with a non-voting board member left the room. A quorum remained present.

RECONVENED: The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 11:13 a.m.

ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION: No action taken.

C&C DRY CLEANING AND LAUNDRY, LLC: The Business Opportunity Grant for C&C Dry Cleaning and Laundry, LLC was presented for consideration. Their need to replace a large commercial washer and a steam dryer costing over \$50,000 was discussed. Motion to approve the Business Opportunity Grant for 50% of the project cost up to a maximum reimbursement grant of \$25,000 by David Lawrence with second by Rob Stallings. Motion passed unanimously.

JAREN'S JERKY: The Board was notified that Jaren's Jerky will cease operations at the end of September, leaving ERDA with equipment purchased through a USDA RBDG grant. USDA is providing guidance regarding the allowable disposition and future use of the equipment.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Tom Evans was seconded by Rob Stallings. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Moore
ERDA Director of Operations

Drew Ewbank
ERDA Board Chair



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