



BOARD MEETING MINUTES – April 8, 2019

PRESENT: Billy Whisenant, Carolyn Lawrence, Jerod Peek, Gil Cherry, Joseph Crouch, David Vela, Ken Becker, Miesha Adames, Patty Torres, Russel Jones, Dana Schoening

CALL TO ORDER: 10:30 AM by Chairman Billy Whisenant

PRAYER: Jerod Peek

David Vela introduced Dana Schoening as the new City Planner for the City of Sweetwater.

ACTION ITEMS:

MINUTES: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the March 11th, 2019 meeting. Joseph Crouch made the motion to approve the minutes. Jerod Peek seconded. The motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Board to review and consider approving accounts payables. Carolyn Lawrence made the motion to approve the accounts payables. Joseph Crouch seconded. The motion carried.

FINANCIALS: Board to review and consider approving the February 2019 financial statements. There was discussion about how liability with Sutherland's incentive should be listed on the Fund Balance since it is a rebate. Patty Torres discussed how the City of Snyder lists a similar project in the footnotes and about how she is looking to other cities for examples of similar projects. Jerod Peek made the motion to approve the financials. Joseph Crouch seconded. The motion carried.

Dent Trucklines, Inc. Incentive: In July of 2016, SEED approved an incentive agreement to guarantee a line of credit for Dent Trucklines in the amount of \$300,000.00 up to a maximum of \$500,000.00. Cliff Dent has asked to exercise the option of the two one-year extensions. The staff recommended that the Board approve the 2 "1" year extensions at the \$300,000.00. Board has decided to extend the guarantee of the \$300,000.00 line of credit for the two one-year option periods. Jerod Peek made the motion to approve the two one-year option periods. Gill Cherry seconded. Joseph Crouch exited the room and abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Dog Park Names: The City of Sweetwater asked the SEED MDD Board of Directors to come up with a short list of optional names for the dog park located in the Newman Park Complex. Carolyn Lawrence mentioned, "Sweetwater Dog Park, Newman Dog Park, and Municipal Dog Park." The rest of the Board liked the, "Newman Bark Park" name which was a suggestion from the City of Sweetwater. Joseph Crouch made the motion to approve the list of optional names. Jerod peek seconded. The motion carried.

Assistant Marketing Director's Report (Miesha Adames):

- Discussed updating properties, climate information, and workforce data on the Sweetwater Economic Development website
- Updated the Board on the progress of the brochure to take to AWEA
- Updated the Board on the Speaker's Bureau project and about Ricky Thompson's speech in Roscoe on Friday, April 5th. Miesha also discussed the upcoming senior interviews on Tuesday, April 9th and on Thursday, April 11th.

City of Sweetwater Update (David Vela):

- Updated sales tax information from the comptroller was not available.

Executive Director Update (Ken Becker):

- Logistic Support rail car count is 2,450 cars for 2017 and 3,650 for 2018; they are already more than half-way of reaching their goal of 12,000 in 5 years.
- TSTC job fair had more than 50 spots occupied; double what they had last year.
- Compliment call to SEED Staff from Rolling Plains Clinic for helping market the hospital services and their positions.
- Jacob and Martin: Tal is contracted to select suppliers, put RFQ/RFPs together, conceptual design, and preliminary costs.
- TXDOT update: W. Broadway bridge and SE Georgia in front of Walmart
- Update on developer: closes on property Tuesday, April 9th and would like to have dirt moving by the end of that week.
- Taste of Sweetwater is on Monday, April 8th
- Cape & Son rail tour is on Friday, April 26th 11:00-1:30
- Southern Fisher County wind project.
- Start meetings at 10:00 instead of 10:30; better for Joseph and Jerod. From now on meetings will be at 10:00.

There being no further business, Gil Cherry made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joseph Crouch. The motion carried.