

**SWEETWATER ENTERPRISE for ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 8, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Kirby Andrews, Jerod Peek, Arthur Maberry, David Welch, Billy Whisenant, Ken Becker, Eddie Brown

**ABSENT:** Kirstin Smith

**CALL TO ORDER: 10:33 AM** by President Art Maberry.

**PRAYER:** Billy Whisenant

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**MINUTES:** Board to review and consider approving minutes from the January 2016 meeting. David Welch made the motion to approve the minutes. Kirby Andrews seconded. The motion carried.

**FINANCIALS:** Board to review and consider approving the December 2015 financial statements. Jerod Peek made the motion to approve the financials. Kirby Andrews seconded. The motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS**

**PAYABLE:** Board to review and consider approving accounts payable for January 2016. Kirby Andrews made the motion to approve the accounts payables. Jerod Peek seconded. The motion carried.

**MARKETING/**

**ADMIN UPDATE:** Ken Becker stated that Kirstin is to return to work by March 1, 2016.

**EXEC DIR.**

**UPDATE:** The board was updated on the following topics:

- West Broadway Industrial Park – engineering firm working on design for entrances before going out for bid. May have design ready for March meeting.
- Manufacturing update: Buzzi nearer to completion of rebuild; USG is investing in equipment & facilities. We may have our March meeting at USG. GP has added an additional shift. Ludlum's & TST: business soft and have had some lay-offs.
- Wind: Overall business is good; EMA had their best year in the US in 2015; wind continues to be a very "mobile" industry – lost Avalion.
- La Quinta is under construction (80+ units) w/ Fall 2016 expected opening
- Real Estate; 2015 saw a Nolan County record "median" house price sales of \$95,000.00
- Cape & Son; working on locating a 6 axel engine
- Oil & Gas: President Obama has proposed a \$10.00 tax on a barrel of oil for transportation infrastructure costs and to fight global warming.
- Working w/ USG on the MSSC (Manufacturing Skills Standard Council) training program. Ken & Jeff Grimland (USG Plant Mgr) will travel to Mississippi where a current USG plant and surrounding manufacturing companies are successfully utilizing the MSSC program. Ken & Jeff hope to bring the program to Sweetwater.

**EXECUTIVE**

**SESSION:** Billy Whisenant made the motion to enter into executive session. David Welch seconded. The motion carried.

Jerod Peek made a motion to re-enter our regular session. Kirby Andrews seconded. The motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Board to consider adjourning. There being no further business, Jerod Peek made the motion to adjourn. Billy Whisenant seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.