

**SWEETWATER ENTERPRISE for ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – January 11, 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

PRAYER: Jerod Peek

ACTION ITEMS:

MINUTES: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the December 2015 meeting. Kirby Andrews made the motion to approve the minutes. David Welch seconded. The motion carried.

FINANCIALS: Board to review and consider approving the November 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 December 2015. There being none, no action was taken.

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TRUE-UP: Ken Becker gave a report that per contract, 1800 railcars annually were required to meet the incentive agreement. Ken reported that Cape & Son far exceeded the required numbers and recommended approval of the annual true-up report. Kirby Andrews made the motion to approve the annual true-up report. David Welch seconded. The motion carried.

MARKETING/

ADMIN UPDATE: Ken Becker stated that Kirstin is starting back part-time and will be working on the following projects;

- 1) Learning the operations side of the new computer system for the board room, 2) Installation of Ken's computer,
- 3) Working on the SEED website upgrade. Ken also stated that starting this month, SEED will be working w/ all "4" ISD's in Nolan County on the Speakers Bureau & Senior Interview Days

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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
- Suggested that the city consider using the "Ludlum Drive" name for the 1st street
- City Mgr Eddie Brown explained the "Eminent Domain" legal review that is underway for the City and SEED. SEED will be charged a portion of the cost for the review.
- Republican Women of Texas will be hosting a "Meet the Candidates" on Tuesday, Jan. 26th. Location TBD
- Ken meet w/ Randy Merket, Reg Mgr for Schwarman's concerning current business and looking ahead to utilizing a "Logistic" consultant..
- Ken is trying to schedule a meeting w/ Jamie Calfee, Reg Mgr for Eagle Rail Car concern current business and "Logistic" consultant.
- Aztlan is a company looking for a location to process brine water/electricity into caustic soda and bleach.
- 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.
- TXDOT update – the Business 20 Bridge over the UPRR on the west side of Sweetwater is scheduled to be replaced in TXDOT's 2017 budget which starts in Sept 2016 – start of teardown/construction is not expected until early 2017.

ADJOURN: Board to consider adjourning. There being no further business, David Welch made the motion to adjourn. Jerod Peek seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.