



BOARD MEETING MINUTES – October 16, 2017

PRESENT: Billy Whisenant, Kirby Andrews, Gil Cherry, Carolyn Lawrence, Jerod Peek, David Vela, Ken Becker, Joseph Grant

CALL TO ORDER: 10:30 AM by Billy Whisenant

PRAYER: Jerod Peek

ACTION ITEMS:

MINUTES: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the September 2017 meeting. Kirby Andrews made the motion to approve the minutes. Jerod Peek seconded. The motion carried.

FINANCIALS: Board to review and consider approving the August 2017 financial statements. Jerod Peek made the motion to approve the financials. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. The motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Board to review and consider approving accounts payables. Kirby Andrews the motion to approve the accounts payables. Jerod Peek seconded. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION:

Treasurer: Jerod Peek nominated and made the motion to appoint Kirby Andrews as Treasurer. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. The motion carried.

Vice Chair: Carolyn Lawrence nominated and made the motion to appoint Jerod Peek as Vice Chair. Kirby Andrews seconded. The motion carried.

Chairman: Jerod Peek nominated and made the motion to appoint Billy Whisenant as Chairman. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. The motion carried.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE (David Vela):

- Sales tax: trending in a good way so far
- Look at our city streets long term – hired a consultant to examine streets
- MDD election – reminded everyone of early voting dates and time and day of election - 7am to 7pm. People in the ETJ are eligible to vote in this election.
- Parks plan finalized and approved. Will get Ken a copy and we will send it out.
- Had an engineering firm look at the CR 141 rail crossing – Engineer will get back to City w/ a report of what it needs.

MARKETING/ADMIN UPDATE (Larissa Place): The board was updated on the following topics

- Speakers Bureau: Chief Frieda, Larry Place, Dr. George McFarland
- Larissa attended the 2nd meeting of the SISD Ambassador Program
- Future Sweetwater tours: USG and Buzzi - successful
- Social Media Posts
- Website Updates
- Wind Tour – Texas A&M “Geography of Energy”: 28 students/Professors
 - Leewar to AES to E.ON
 - Panelists: Russ Petty, Greg Wortham, Gabriel Acosta and Heath Ince
- Larissa will be judging the TSTC Robotics Marketing competition Oct 20-21
- Wind Tour – UT Law Students
- EMA/TSTC Press Conference: Friday October 20th at 9:00 am at the TSTC “The Center”. EMA donating another \$75,000 for veterans scholarships



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EXEC DIR. UPDATE (Ken Becker): The board was updated on the following topics:

- Oil is at \$52.16 for WTI & \$58.20 for Brent
- FTR Logistics Conference
 - ELD (Electronic Logging Devices) will require an additional 75,000 to 80,000 CDL drivers to haul the same amount of freight.
 - US wide driver shortage – 250,000 to 300,000 drivers.
 - “Amazon Affect” is telling your customers that they can have it tomorrow and now seeing if they really need it tomorrow or can they wait another day or two. Amazon is buying/building a fleet of delivery trucks.
- Global Oil Supply & Demand (hosted by Dallas & Kansas City Federal Reserve)
 - Permian is still the strongest
 - Tim Dove – Pres/CEO of Pioneer Natural Resources – stated that Quality of Life is becoming a bigger issue in West Texas
- Schwerman Trucking – hiring CDL-A drivers
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 - Dent Trucking – hiring CDL drivers
 - Crest/Nine – hiring CDL drivers
 - BNSF Economic Development Video – Sweetwater Logistic Center highlighted
 - UPRR replaced 220,000 cross ties between Sweetwater & Odessa
 - E.ON – adding a battery project to West Texas – hiring an additional 15 FTE’s by March (has 36 FTE’s now)
 - Pipe moving in and out of the MAALT site on the BNSF
 - Track repairs on the UPRR at CR 141 crossing
 - Track repairs on the TXOR Short line
 - Crane Services – busy – 78-82 FTE’s – work all the way to Colorado
 - What-a-burger will go from 35 to 70 FTE’s

Board to consider entering Executive Session. Kirby Andres made the motion to move into Executive Session. Jerod Peek seconded. The motion carried.

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