



BOARD MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 12, 2016

PRESENT: Billy Whisenant, Jerod Peek, Kirby Andrews, David Welch, Carolyn Lawrence, Ken Becker, Larissa Place, Scott Fitzgerald

CALL TO ORDER: 10:30 AM by Billy Whisenant

PRAYER: Jerod Peek

ACTION ITEMS:

MINUTES: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the November 2016 meeting. David Welch made the motion to approve the minutes with a change to the date. Jerod Peek seconded. The motion carried.

FINANCIALS: Board to review and consider approving the October 2016 financial statements. Carolyn Lawrence would like details added to page 5. 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 made the motion to approve the accounts payables. David Welch seconded. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There being no business, the Board did not go into Executive Session

ACTION ITEM:

Logistics Support – Legal changed agreement between Logistics Support and Sweetwater Economic Development to state if Larry Locke were to pass the \$500,000.00 life insurance would go to Sweetwater Economic Development and the two locomotives would go to Logistics Support. Carolyn Lawrence would like the insurance policy reviewed to make sure Sweetwater Economic Development would not be held responsible for any accidents that could happen. Carolyn Lawrence made the motion to approve the resolution. Kirby Andrews seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION ITEM:

Ken Becker Employment Contract – Billy Whisenant advised he has received reviews from all Board members. He will be compiling the results and sharing with Ken soon. Billy stated there is nothing that should hold the Board back from renewing the contract and all feedback was good. David Welch made the motion to approve the renewal. Kirby Andrews seconded. The motion carried.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE (David Vela): The board was updated on the following topics.

David Vela was out sick but Jerod Peek wanted to mention the City Commission Meeting on December 13th. Ken will be at the meeting to address a City/Sweetwater E.D. joint meeting to discuss Quality of Life issues.

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

- Sweetwater E.D. / City Christmas Party Reminder for December 13th at 6:30pm at Country Club.
- Chamber and E.D. Christmas Open House has been rescheduled for December 20th due to Mustangs going to State Championship game.
- Reminder of Senator Charles Perry Town Hall Meeting on Thursday December 15th at TSTC.
- Christmas cards from Sweetwater E.D. have been sent both hard copies and electronic versions.
- TSTC John Docher will join Sweetwater E.D. Board Meeting in February to discuss workforce training options.
- New website will go live this week. Goal is to have it live on Friday.



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

- Logistics Support are using the two locomotives. Buzzi's production is increasing. Larry Locke plans on doing the Ribbon Cutting in the new year.
- Ken recently attended the High Ground Austin Allies meeting. He was able to meet with Rick Rhodes.
- UP Rail Crossing – City, County, Sweetwater E.D., TxDOT and UP all met to discuss the RR crossing on CR 141. Determined the repair of the road will be the responsibility of the City. They will need to decide how to move forward. UP advised 80% of accidents happen at 20% of the crossings and this crossing is on that list. This meeting did help facilitate communication between UP and TxDOT. The bridge repair has been delayed as well.
- Ludlum Measurements is up to 425 employees.
- Ken and David Vela will be meeting December 21st to discuss housing and quality of life issues for the City of Sweetwater. They have received a housing study from Brownwood which they will be discussing.
- Traffic Updates: traffic on I-20 through Sweetwater
 - 2011 – 19,000 per day/annually
 - 2012 – 20,000 per day/annually
 - 2013 – 20,169 per day/annually
 - 2014 – 27,474 per day/annually
 - 2015 – 28,579 per day/annually
 - 40% semis, 60% cars
- Oil/Gas – up to \$54.11. There are more rigs in the Permian Basin than ever. Many opportunities in the PB for growth. Companies are feeling very optimistic.

ADJOURN: Board to consider adjourning. There being no further business, David Welch made the motion to adjourn. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. The motion carried.