**MDD BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021**

**PRESENT**: Carolyn Lawrence, Russ Petty, Joseph Crouch, Gil Cherry, Mark Meneses, Ken Becker, Miesha Adames, Jeff Allen, Jeff Grimland, Jared Duncum, Sabrina Early, Drew Howard, Karen Hunt

**LOCATION:** Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 E. 4th Street, Sweetwater, Texas 79556

**CALL TO ORDER**: 10:02 AM by Gil Cherry

**PRAYER:** Ken Becker

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**PRESENTATION:** A presentation was given on the Experiential Learning Partnership Plan that is going on between Sweetwater Independent School District, USG, Ludlum Measurements, SEED MDD, and The Chamber.

**ACTION ITEMS**:

**MINUTES**: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the October 11, 2021 meeting. Gil Cherry made the motion to approve the minutes. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**: Board to review and consider approving accounts payables. Russ Petty made the motion to approve the accounts payable. Mark Meneses seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIALS**: Board to review and consider approving the September 2021 financial statements. Russ Petty made the motion to approve the financials. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**FAÇADE GRANT REQUEST:** Board to review and consider approving a Façade Improvement Grant application for 2401 E. Broadway. Joseph Crouch made the motion to approve funding in the amount of $9,897.50. Mark Meneses seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION:**  Russ Petty made the motion to enter into Executive under Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, to discuss economic development negotiations. No action will be taken in the Executive Session as it is not permitted by law. Joseph Crouch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Discuss possible financial incentives for a new business looking to locate in Sweetwater.
2. Discuss Annual Report provided by a company per Incentive Agreement

**RECONVENE:** A motion was made by Russ Petty to re-enter into Regular Session with a second from Gil Cherry. The motion carried unanimously.

**MIESHA ADAMES UPDATE:**

1. Small Business update
2. Ethan Whittenburg has been hired as the Marketing and Business Development Manager.

**KEN BECKER UPDATE:**

1. Georgia-Pacific Update
2. EMA update

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