



BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, JULY 18, 2023

PRESENT: Gil Cherry, Russ Petty, Mark Meneses (*late arrival*), Carolyn Lawrence, David Vela, Jeff Allen, Miesha Adames, Ethan Whittenburg

LOCATION: Downstairs conference room at the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce, 810 E. Broadway, Sweetwater, Texas 79556

CALL TO ORDER: 11:01 AM by Carolyn Lawrence

PRAYER: Russ Petty

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Carolyn Lawrence

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ACTION ITEMS:

MINUTES: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the June 12, 2023, meeting. Gil Cherry made the motion to approve the minutes. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Board to review and consider approving accounts payable. Russ Petty made the motion to approve the accounts payable. David Vela seconded. Gil Cherry abstained. The motion carried 3-0.

FINANCIALS: Board to review and consider approving the May 2023 financial statements. David Vela made the motion to approve the financials. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

CLOSED SESSION: Russ Petty made the motion to enter Executive under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, for consultation with attorney. No action will be taken in the Executive Session as it is not permitted by law. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Pending and/or contemplated litigation

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

CLOSED SESSION: Russ Petty made the motion to enter Executive under Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, to discuss personnel matters. No action will be taken in the Executive Session as it is not permitted by law. David Vela seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Marketing and Business Development Manager's Salary
- B. Executive Director's Salary

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

BUDGET RETREAT: Staff presented a draft budget and asked for direction from the board about the fiscal year 2023-2024 projects. Subjects discussed include business recruitment, business retention and expansion, retail, housing, beautification, quality of life, and workforce.

There being no further business, David Vela made the motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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