**BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** 2:00 PM by Carolyn Lawrence

**PRAYER:** Gil Cherry

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Carolyn Lawrence

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** Russ Petty made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:** Board to review and consider approving minutes from the May 10, 2024 meeting.

**FINANCIALS:** Board to review and consider approving the April 2024 financial statements.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Board to review and consider approving payment of accounts payable.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Gil Cherry made the motion to enter Executive Session under Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to discuss personnel matters. No action will be taken during the Executive Session as law does not permit it. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Discuss and consider legal counsel for SEED MDD.
2. Executive Director

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

**ACTION ITEM:**

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Board to review and consider authorizing SEED MDD’s Executive Director to sign an engagement letter with the law firm of the board’s choosing. Gil Cherry made the motion to authorize SEED MDD’s Executive Director to sign an engagement letter with Kelly Hart & Hallman, LLP. David Vela seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**MARKETING & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER’S UPDATE:**

1. Remote Area Planning & Development Board of Australia visit to Sweetwater: The Marketing & Business Development Manager updated the board about a group from Australia that came to Sweetwater to learn about renewable energy and its effects on the local economy.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S UPDATE:**

1. Creekside Subdivision update: The Executive Director gave an update on the status of the Creekside Subdivision regarding Holly Betenbough IRA as the property manager.

There being no further business, Russ Petty made the motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.