



BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

PRESENT: Gil Cherry, Russ Petty, Mark Meneses (Late Arrival), Carolyn Lawrence, Jeff Allen, Miesha Adames, Ethan Whittenburg, Karen Hunt

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

CALL TO ORDER: 2:01 PM by Carolyn Lawrence

PRAYER: Ethan Whittenburg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Carolyn Lawrence

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ACTION ITEMS:

MINUTES: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the October 23, 2023, meeting. Russ Petty made the motion to approve the minutes. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Board to review and consider approving accounts payable, excluding the payment to Kinfolks Grill and Red Door Capital. Mark Meneses made the motion to approve the accounts payable, excluding the payment to Kinfolks Grill and Red Door Capital. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Board to review and consider approving the payment to Red Door Capital. Russ Petty made the motion to approve the Red Door Capital payment. Mark Meneses seconded. Gil Cherry abstained. The motion carried 3-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Board to review and consider approving the payment to Kinfolks Grill. Gil Cherry made the motion to approve the Kinfolks Grill payment. Mark Meneses seconded. Russ Petty abstained. The motion carried 3-0.

FINANCIALS: Board to review and consider approving the September 2023 financial statements. Russ Petty made the motion to approve the financials. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: Board to review and consider approving Resolution 2023-004 regarding Childcare in Sweetwater. Mark Meneses made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-004 regarding Childcare in Sweetwater with the following changes:

- Section 2 – “...authorizes funds not to exceed the amount of \$750,000.00 to be available for incentive agreements between SEED MDD and Qualified Childcare Facilities...to increase the childcare capacity in Sweetwater by 300 spots.”
- Section 3 – “...(v) childcare facilities are not located wholly or partially in a private home or residence, and (vi) the qualifying facility shall increase childcare capacity by at least ten (10) children.”

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Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION: Board to review and consider approving suggested changes to the Façade Improvement Grant application. Russ Petty made the motion to approve suggested changes to the Façade Improvement Grant application. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT: Board to review and consider approving a Façade Improvement Grant request at 1111 E. Broadway. Gil Cherry made the motion to approve the request in the amount of \$1,081.28. Mark Meneses seconded. Russ Petty abstained. The motion carried 3-0.

FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT: Board to review and consider approving a Façade Improvement Grant request at 2107 E. Broadway. Gil Cherry made the motion to approve the request in the amount of \$15,000.00. Mark Meneses seconded. Russ Petty abstained. The motion carried 3-0.

ETHAN WHITTENBURG UPDATE:

- a) Lubbock Economic Forecast Luncheon: Ethan provided an update on the economic forecast luncheon that he and Miesha attended in Lubbock on November 7, 2023.

MIESHA ADAMES UPDATE:

- a) CEcD Class – Real Estate Development and Reuse: Miesha gave an update on the latest class she completed for her CEcD certification.

There being no further business, Gil Cherry made the motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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