



BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024

PRESENT: Carolyn Lawrence, Russ Petty, Mark Meneses, Ginger Paty, 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: 2:02 PM by Carolyn Lawrence

PRAYER: Ethan Whittenburg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Carolyn Lawrence

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Election of officers for 2024-2025 (Rules of Operation – Section 3.01 – Selection of Officers) President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

- a) President: Russ Petty made the motion to elect Carolyn Lawrence as President. David Vela seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- b) Vice-President: Mark Meneses made the motion to elect Russ Petty as Vice President. David Vela seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- c) Secretary: Russ Petty made the motion to elect Mark Meneses as Secretary. Ginger Paty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION: Pratis Properties presented a multi-family renovation project.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: David Vela made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the September 9, 2024 meeting.

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

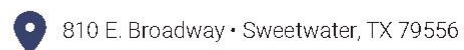
ACTION ITEMS:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Board to review and consider approving payment of accounts payable. Mark Meneses made the motion to approve payment of accounts payable. Ginger Paty seconded. Russ Petty abstained. The motion carried 4-0.

BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATURE CARDS: Board to review and consider removing Patty Torres and Gil Cherry and adding Ginger Paty and Kirsta Koennecke to the Sweetwater Economic Development MDD bank account signature cards. Mark Meneses made the motion to remove Patty Torres and Gil Cherry and add Ginger Paty and Kirsta Koennecke to the Sweetwater Economic Development MDD bank account signature cards. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

RULES OF OPERATION: Board to review and consider approving changes to the SEED MDD Amended And Restated Rules of Operation Dated October 11, 2022. Ginger Paty made the motion to approve changes to the SEED MDD Amended And Restated Rules of Operation Dated October 11, 2022. David Vela seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a) Pratis Properties multi-family project

RECONVENE: A motion was made by Mark Meneses to re-enter the regular session with a second from Ginger Paty. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:

- a) Foreign Trade Zone Meeting with DCOA: Miesha provided an update on the presentation staff heard from the DCOA about the Foreign Trade Zone being considered for the High Plains of Texas.
- b) Hard Head Veterans FTE Update: Miesha presented the FTE report provided to staff by Hard Head Veterans for FY 23-24.
- c) Confidentiality Importance (Jeff Allen): Jeff Allen, SEED MDD Counsel, presented to the board on the importance of the Open Meetings Act, best practices for closed session, and the annual conflict of interest document to be signed by the SEED MDD board of directors.

MARKETING & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S UPDATE:

- a) Lawmakers Luncheon in Cisco: Ethan updated the board on the topics discussed at the Lawmakers Luncheon in Cisco that staff attended in September.
- b) Georgia-Pacific Update: Ethan updated the board on the tour of Georgia-Pacific that staff attended on October 2nd.

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

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