

FISTA Development Trust Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Lawton City Hall Banquet Hall
212 SW 9th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma 73501
March 1, 2022 @ 3:15 p.m.

Trustees Present: Dani Blackburn, Barry Ezerski, Clarence Fortney, Albert Johnson, Jr., Phil Kennedy, David Madigan, Ron Nance, Richard Rogalski and Jace Zacharias. Also, in attendance were Teira Cole and James Taylor.

Trustees Absent: Mark Brace, Jay Burk and Bridget Randle

Guests: Barbara Curry, Kim McConnell, Vincent Saylor, Eric Swanson, Nena Hardy, Jill Rodriguez, Jason Wells and Christian Forsyth

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

II. Introduction of Guests

***Jay Burk entered the meeting during the introduction of guests**

III. Business

A. Consider approval of minutes of the Trust Meeting on February 1, 2022

ACTION: Mr. Burk moved to approve the minutes of the Trust Meeting on February 1, 2022; Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; a copy of the minutes attached.

B. Consider approval of minutes of the Trust Special Meeting on February 9, 2022

ACTION: Mr. Burk moved to approve the minutes of the Trust Special Meeting on February 9, 2022; Mr. Ezerski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; a copy of the minutes attached.

C. Consider approval of minutes of the Trust Special Meeting on February 16, 2022

ACTION: Mr. Burk moved to approve the minutes of the Trust Special Meeting on February 16, 2022; Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; a copy of the minutes attached.

D. Consider approval of January 2022 financials

ACTION: Ms. Blackburn presented the financials; Mr. Kennedy moved to approve the financials as presented; Mr. Madigan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; copy of the financials attached.

E. Consider acceptance of the FISTA Development Trust Authority FY21 audit as prepared and presented by Robert D. Turner, C.P.A.

ACTION: Mr. Turner presented the audit. Mr. Nance moved to accept the audit; Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; copy of the audit attached and on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

F. Due to a scheduling conflict with the Chamber of Commerce Annual Washington D.C. Fly-in, consider approval of an amendment to the annual notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the Trust in 2022 by changing the

regular meeting scheduled for April 5, 2022 to March 29, 2022 at 3:15 p.m. at the Lawton City Hall in the Banquet Hall, and upon approval of the amended notice, direct that it be filed promptly with the Office of the City Clerk as required by Title 25, Oklahoma State Statute, Section 311A8.

ACTION: Mr. Fortney read the passage from the agenda. Mr. Ezerski moved to approve amending the annual notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the Trust in 2022 by changing the regular meeting scheduled for April 5, 2022 to March 29, 2022 at 3:15 p.m. at the Lawton City Hall in the Banquet Hall; Mr. Madigan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; copy of the notice attached and on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

G. Consider approval of the Young Professionals of Lawton nomination of Vincent Saylor to fill the Young Professionals of Lawton Ex-Officio vacancy.

ACTION: Mr. Johnson moved to approve the Young Professionals of Lawton nomination of Vincent Saylor to fill the Young Professionals of Lawton Ex-Officio vacancy; Mr. Ezerski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Consider approval of a request to the Lawton City Council regarding evaluation of the potential financial benefits in creating a new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District within the existing TIF District No. 1 in downtown Lawton that would assist with funding long term economic development activities within the area of the Central Plaza, formerly the Central Mall, including the FISTA Innovation Park currently in the first phase of renovation/construction with additional phases to follow.

ACTION: Mr. Fortney read the passage from the agenda. Mr. Rogalski discussed the agenda item. Mr. Kennedy moved to approve the request; Mr. Madigan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports

Ms. Cole shared upcoming events to include the 26th Annual Southwest Oklahoma Legislative Reception on March 9th and the FISTA Construction Kick-Off is planned for April 15th. Senator Inhofe and Congressman Cole are slated to speak at the event.

Mr. Taylor reported on the progress of the construction in FISTA 1.

Mr. Fortney stated the Deputy Superintendent, Karen Bailey, at Great Plains Technology Center is retiring and has agreed to chair the Great Plains Technology Center Foundation.

Mr. Zacharias provided a legislative update, and that Senator Inhofe recently announced his retirement as of January 2023 vacating his term. The FISTA will remain a top priority. Senator Inhofe's Chief of Staff is stepping down to run for the senate seat. He asked that we all keep Ukraine in our prayers.

Mr. Rogalski shared the Farmer's Market is open for business and has been busy.

Ms. Blackburn indicated a foundation has been formed to assist the Lawton Business Women organization to award scholarships.

Mr. Cleghorn shared the Trash off will be April 16th. Also, a new program implemented at the E911 center can interpret up to 240 languages, several City of Lawton employment opportunities, a parks and recreation master plan is underway, and redistricting is complete.

V. Adjourn

The Chairman adjourned the meeting by motion.