# FISTA Development Trust Authority
# Board Meeting Minutes

Lawton City Hall Banquet Hall
212 SW 9th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma 73501
July 6, 2021 @ 3:15 p.m.

**Trustees Present:** Dani Blackburn, Mark Brace, Scott Chance, Barry Ezerski, Clarence Fortney, Albert Johnson, Jr., Phil Kennedy, Ron Nance, Bridget Randle. Also, in attendance were Teira Cole and James Taylor.

**Trustee Absent**: David Madigan, Jay Burk and Ron Nance

**Guests:** Nena Hardy, Jason Wells, Cheyenne Cole, Kim McConnell, Jace Zacharias, Scott Hatch, Michael Cleghorn, and Rich Rogalski

I. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

II. **Introduction of Guests**

III. **Business**

A. **Consider approval of minutes of the Trust Meeting on June 1, 2021**
**ACTION:** Mr. Ezerski moved to approve the minutes of the Trust Meeting on June 1, 2021; Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed with the votes casted as follows; Mark Brace-yes, Barry Ezerski-yes, Clarence Fortney-yes, Phil Kennedy-yes, Albert Johnson, Jr.-abstain (due to his late arrival at the June 1st meeting), and Bridget Randle-yes; a copy of the minutes attached.

B. **Consider approval of minutes of the Trust Special Called Meeting on June 15, 2021**
**ACTION:** Mr. Ezerski moved to approve the minutes of the Trust Special Called Meeting on June 15, 2021; Ms. Randle seconded the motion. The motion passed with the votes casted as follows; Mark Brace-yes, Barry Ezerski-yes, Clarence Fortney-yes, Phil Kennedy-yes, Albert Johnson, Jr.-abstain (due to his absence at the June 15th meeting), and Bridget Randle-yes; a copy of the minutes attached.

C. **Consider approval of May 2021 financials**
**ACTION:** Ms. Randle presented the financials; Mr. Brace moved to approve the financials as presented; Mr. Burk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; copy of the financials attached.

*Jay Burk entered the meeting during the presentation of the financials

D. **Consider approval of Central Mall parking lot license agreement between Board of Commissioners of Comanche County and FISTA Development Trust Authority.**
**ACTION:** Mr. Fortney presented the agreement; Mr. Burk moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement; Mr. Ezerski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; copy of the agreement attached. The agreement is on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

E. **Consider approval of the form of the lease agreement between the FISTA Trust and industrial tenants seeking space in the Business Integration Center (BIC) of Central Mall.**
**ACTION:** Mr. Fortney presented the agreement; Mr. Burk moved to approve the form of the lease agreement and authorize the Chair and Secretary to execute the agreement with industrial tenants; Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; copy of the agreement. The agreement is on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

F. **Consider approval of Service Agreement with Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc., to provide consulting services to assist the Trust in dealing with federal and state governments and governmental and regulatory authorities.**
**ACTION:** Mr. Brace presented the agreement; Mr. Ezerski moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement; Ms. Randle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; copy of the agreement attached. The agreement is on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

G. **Consider approval of a Funding and Limited Support Agreement with the City of Lawton incorporating a budget proposed by the Trust Authority for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to be submitted to the City for its consideration and action, and upon approval of the funding agreement and a budget by the City, authorize the Chair and Secretary to execute the agreement.**
**ACTION:** Mr. Fortney discussed the agreement; Mr. Burk moved to approve the agreement with budget and upon approval by the City, authorize the Chair and Secretary to execute the agreement; Mr. Brace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; copy of the agreement attached. The agreement is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

*Ron Nance entered the meeting during the Funding and Limited Support Agreement.

**IV. Reports**

Mr. Taylor reported on the progress of the prospects, BIC tenants and FISTA demolition.
Ms. Cole presented the new website TheFISTA.com
Mr. Wells reported on the status of the businesses at Central Mall, the marketing effort and the Central Mall financials.
Mr. Fortney indicated the 50-year anniversary of Great Plains Technology Center is this year.
Mr. Brace provided an update on the earmark submitted on behalf of the FISTA.

**V. Executive Session**

**Pursuant to Title 25, Okla. Stat., Section 307B.1., consider convening to executive session to discuss the employment, performance and employment agreement of the FISTA Development Trust Authority Director and take appropriate action in open session.**
**ACTION:** Mr. Burk moved to approve adjourning regular session and convening in executive session pursuant to Title 25, Okla. Stat., Section 307B.1., to discuss the employment, performance and employment agreement of the FISTA Development Trust Authority Director and take appropriate action in open session; Ms. Randle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Burk moved to adjourn executive session and convene regular session; Mr. Ezerski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. No action was taken in executive session.

Ms. Cole called the role.

Mr. Kennedy moved to enter an employment agreement with James Taylor to begin July 1, 2021, for one year ending June 30, 2022; Ms. Randle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Adjourn**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.