

FISTA Development Trust Authority Board Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2023 at 3:15 p.m.

FISTA

200 SW C Avenue, Lawton, Oklahoma

Trustees Present: Mark Brace, Barry Ezerski, Brian Henry, Phil Kennedy, David Madigan, Randy Warren, Liz Tomichen, Allan Hampton, and Clarence Fortney

Ex-Officio Present: Assistant Treasurer Dani Blackburn, and Vincent Saylor

Trustees Absent: Albert Johnson Jr., and Amber Woomavovah

Ex-Officio Absent: Frank Meyers, and Maria Meredith

Staff Present: Dr. Krista Ratliff, Stacy Reyna, Ariana Sirokman

Guests: Matina Davis, Brandi Thomas, Jason Wells, Eric Swanson, and Kim McConnell

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

II. Introduction of Guests

III. Business

- A.** Consider approval of minutes of the Trust meeting on August 1, 2023, and August 9, 2023.

ACTION: Mr. Warren moved to approve minutes of the Trust meeting on August 1, 2023, and August 9, 2023; Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; a copy of the minutes is attached and on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

- B.** Consider approval of June 2023 financials.

ACTION: Mr. Madigan presented; Mr. Fortney moved to approve June 2023 financials; Mr. Henry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; a copy of the financials is attached and on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

- C.** Consider approval of an Equal Opportunity Policy, including equal opportunity in employment and participation in programs and activities of the Trust such as the STEM program, required by grant awards funded with State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and other Federal grant funds, and authorize the Chair and Secretary to execute the policy.

(Copy of the Equal Opportunity Policy are on file in the Office of the City Clerk)

ACTION: Mr. Warren moved to approve the Equal Opportunity Policy and authorize the Chair and Secretary to execute the policy; Mrs. Tomichen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; a copy of the Equal Opportunity Policy is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IV. Reports

Chairman's Update- Mr. Brace welcomes new incoming board members, Mr. Hampton, and Mrs. Tomichen. A lot of important guests have visited FISTA over the past month. Discussed our next upcoming event, AUSA in October.

President/CEO Update- Dr. Ratliff discussed the following: R4 FACE program, AI program, in contract negotiations. Contract with Blue Halo, lease in front of them. Visit from Picogrid and next visit October 25th; needs 10k to 20k sq ft. Lease in progress with OSU, in front of them. Working with Torch for phase 2 space, lease in front of them. Raytheon's lease was executed last month. Flew to Durant, OK to meet with the Choctaw tribe and discuss the Counter UAV program. Provided tour to Axient and in discussion with them. Started process of conference space. Tech to be delivered by November 1st. Working through FISTA Foundation for grants. ARPA, FACT Force met for the first time. Progress on STEM and Anechoic Chamber. Have task forces set to meet in between main meetings. Excited to bring STEM lab to the community. New staff registration and badging system getting implemented to include tenants. Traveled to Picatinny Arsenal (NJ) and Bener Labs (NY), and the conversation started for MOUs for technology. Our partners to have access to those facilities if MOU. Take away, homegrown community members learning and interning at these facilities. AUSA October 9th to 11th. Will have a booth and work the floor. Working on a visit with Blue Halo in September-October. More military artifacts are coming to our facility. Community members are excited to have a space to exhibit. Furniture is set to be delivered at the end of the month. C-UAS forum public release status. Expecting 500-600 people and open to the public. Hail damage repairs are still in progress. John Deforno, tech SME to JCO, visited. Senator Roger Wicker, ranking member of the Armed Services Committee, visited. Congressman Tom Cole visited. MLAs (Military Liaisons) visited. Maj Gen Tony Strickland visited. Released new marketing materials. FISTA is changing its perspective to "The Future is Now". Meeting with the Department of Commerce to create a data sheet to present to future partners for state incentives. Still in the middle of a website review and update.

InTouch/Insight Property Manager- Mr. Wells with InTouch presented. Had Do Portugal Circus at Plaza. The tax-free weekend was successful. Backpacks were given out to students for the arts and crafts day. Attendance for events is up. Coloring contest for kids with examples of entries. Dance off in the plaza. Upcoming events: kids craft September 23rd, face painting, making magnets. Fall painting event for adults as well. Renewal for Hot Topic for 2 years. Movie theatre negotiation has been going on for the last 2 months. Presented August 2023 finances.

Consultants- No report.

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Construction- Mr. Ezerski presented. In the middle of the construction manager request for qualifications. Interviews on September 13. Hoping to be in the negotiation of a contract for the next phase, CEMA and torch space.

V. Adjourn

This Notice of Meeting and Agenda was sent via email on August 7, 2023, at 10:17 a.m. to the following locations:

Lawton City Hall

Lawton Constitution

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