

Lawton Economic Development Corporation Board Meeting Minutes

Lawton City Hall Banquet Room
212 SW 9th Street • Lawton, Oklahoma 73505
September 14, 2020 @ 4:00 pm

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Stan Booker, Michael Cleghorn, Jesse Cross, Paul Ellwanger, Barry Ezerski, Clarence Fortney, Philip D. Kennedy, Jim Landmark, Mark Scott, Dr. John McArthur, Ron Nance, and Richard Rogalski. Also, in attendance were Brad Cooksey, Teira Cole, and Jeannie Bowden

Members Absent: Janie Billingsley, Kelly Edwards, Joe Gallagher, Tim Hushbeck, Arthur Patrick, Krista Ratliff, and Mark Scott

II. **Introduction of Guests:** Scott Chance, Kim McConnell, and Dr. Jason James

III. **Consider approval of August 10, 2020 Minutes**

ACTION: Mr. Cross moved to approve the August 10, 2020 minutes; Mr. Ellwanger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; copy of minutes attached.

IV. **Consider approval of August 21, 2020 Minutes**

ACTION: Dr. McArthur moved to approve the August 21, 2020 special called meeting minutes; Mr. Fortney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; copy of minutes attached.

*Mr. Mark Scott joined the meeting at this point.

V. **Consider approval of Financials**

ACTION: Mayor Booker moved to approve the July 2020 and August 2020 financials; Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; copy of financials attached.

VI. **Reports**

President's Report

Jeannie Bowden, Business Development Coordinator – Mr. Cooksey introduced Mrs. Bowden to the Board.

Dr. Jason James, Lawton Public Schools – Mr. Cooksey introduced Dr. James to the Board.

RFP Chart – Mrs. Cole presented the RFP Chart, which represented two new leads in the month of August.

Current and Upcoming Events – GEDMT and Lawton Chamber Virtual Economic Development 101 in August; Impact and MRO in October

LEDC and CCIDA Property Maintenance – LEDC properties have been mowed.

Site Visits – LEDC had two site visits in August.

COVID-19 – Mrs. Bowden presented “The Back to Normal Index” by CNN Business and Moody’s Analytics.

Chairman's Report

Executive Committee

1. **Implementation Agreement** – The City of Lawton and LEDC are working on an agreement between LEDA and LEDC.
2. **Brad Cooksey's Review** – Mr. Nance reminded the Board about the President's annual review discussion to start soon.



3. FISTA – The FISTA Development Authority has been formed by the City of Lawton and will no longer be a committee under LEDC.

CenterPoint – LEDC and CenterPoint are having discussions regarding natural gas capacity in the city of Lawton.

Partner Updates

VII. Business

A. Consider approval of the monthly activity report.

ACTION: Mr. Ellwanger moved to approve the monthly activity report; Mr. Fortney seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously; a copy of the report is attached.

B. Consider approval of convening into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. **Economic Development as allowed by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act Laws 1977, c. 214 § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 1977; 25 O.S. 307.C.11**

ACTION: Mr. Cross moved to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters referenced above; Mr. Ellwanger seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

- C. No action was taken during Executive Session. The meeting was returned to open session

VIII. New Business

IX. Adjourn

ACTION: The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned as there was no new business.

