

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DURANT TOURISM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY ON AUGUST 27, 2024 AT 3:00 PM IN THE ROSCOE J. HATFIELD COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 300 WEST EVERGREEN ST, DURANT, OKLAHOMA**

Full Board Meeting Can Be Viewed At:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TX0h9a9YSIo>

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hunt called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Thorpe led the invocation and the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustee Kuykendall, Trustee Sherrer, Trustee Thorpe, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt

Absent: Trustee Patel, Trustee Reed

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1) Approval of Minutes

July 30, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anthony to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2024 Regular Meeting and seconded by Trustee Sherrer.

Ayes: Trustee Kuykendall, Trustee Sherrer, Trustee Thorpe, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt

August 16, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Thorpe to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2024 Special Meeting and seconded by Trustee Kuykendall.

Ayes: Trustee Kuykendall, Trustee Sherrer, Trustee Thorpe

Abstain: Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt

2) Review of Financial Reports

Trustee Kuykendall Presented the financial report.

3) Discuss, consider, and/or approve additional information for wrap-up grants

Tabled

4) Discuss, consider, and/or approve criteria for Special Projects Grant

Tabled

5) Review Grant Wrap-Ups

- a. TCL - Updated wrap-up

Grace Rudolf presented follow-up information on the TCL Grant Wrap-up

6) Discuss, consider, and/or approve grant applications

a. Choctaw Nation - 2024 Powwow

Kerry Steve, James Dry, and Michael Roberts presented for Choctaw Cultural Services. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anthony to approve the \$25,000 Special Project and seconded by Trustee Thorpe.

Ayes: Trustee Sherrer, Trustee Thorpe, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt

Abstain: Trustee Kuykendall

7) Discuss, consider, and/or approve special project applications

a. Durant Riding Club

Eric Loftis and Jory Whitlock presented.

Tabled.

b. Durant Main Street

Stephanie Swicker presented.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anthony to approve the \$25,000 Special Project and seconded by Chairman Hunt

Ayes: Trustee Sherrer, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt

Abstain: Trustee Kuykendall, Trustee Thorpe

8) Discuss, consider, and/or approve reimbursement Pre-Audit and Audit fees for 2022-2023 audit

A motion was made by Chairman Hunt and seconded by Vice Chairman Anthony.

Ayes: Trustee Kuykendall, Trustee Sherrer, Trustee Thorpe, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt

9) Discuss, consider, and/or approve allocating remaining funds from the Durant Sports Festival special project to the Light Up Durant special project (\$7206.20)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anthony and seconded by Chairman Hunt.

Ayes: Trustee Kuykendall, Trustee Sherrer, Trustee Thorpe, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt

10) Discuss, consider, and/or approve Stokley billboard for 2024-2025

Grace Rudolf presented.

A motion was made by Chairman Hunt to approve the 2024-2025 billboard contract with Stokley and seconded by Vice Chairman Anthony.

Ayes: Trustee Kuykendall, Trustee Sherrer, Trustee Thorpe, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt

11) Discuss, consider, and/or approve new Lindmark Billboard (145 Left Read Upper/Lower)

Grace Rudolf presented.

A motion was made by Chairman Hunt to and seconded by Trustee Thorpe.

Nays: Trustee Kuykendall, Trustee Sherrer, Trustee Thorpe, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt

The motion does not pass

12) Discuss, consider, and/or approve Travel, Taste, + Tour Winter 2024

Grace Rudolf presented.

A motion was made by Chairman Hunt to and seconded by Trustee Thorpe.

Nays: Trustee Kuykendall, Trustee Sherrer, Trustee Thorpe, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt

The motion does not pass

13) Informational Items

a. Discover Durant Activity Report

b. Report from Choctaw Nation Tourism Department

14) Old Business

Trustee Kuykendall stated that she found one auditor firm, Gray and Blodgett, that priced a first-year audit for DTEDA at \$15,000.

15) New Business

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Thorpe and seconded by Vice Chairman Anthony.

Ayes: Trustee Kuykendall, Trustee Sherrer, Trustee Thorpe, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt