

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DURANT TOURISM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, 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=MxT\\_vDOtmDw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MxT_vDOtmDw)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sherrer called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE**

Trustee Thorpe led the invocation and the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Trustee Anthony, Trustee Calhoun, Trustee Reed, Trustee Thorpe, and Chairman Sherrer

Absent: Vice-Chairman Dewald

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**\*Chairman Sherrer stated in consideration of guests the board will skip to item 4.**

**4. Discuss and Consider Approval of the Following Grants**

**a. Bassmasters - Fishing Tournament**

The board discussed and had follow-up questions that needed to be answered by the applicant. Tabled.

**b. Choctaw Nation - Powwow**

Michael Roberts, Kerry Steve, and James Dry presented for the Choctaw Nation Powwow.

A motion was made by Trustee Anothony to approve the grant for \$10,000 and seconded by Jim Thorpe. The motion passed with the following vote

Ayes: Trustee Anthony, Trustee Calhoun, Trustee Reed, Trustee Thorpe, and Chairman Sherrer

**c. Durant Main Street - Mistletoe Market**

Amber Foster, Durant Main Street Director, presented for Mistletoe Market.

A motion was made by Trustee Anothony to approve the grant for \$10,000 and seconded by Chairman Sherrer. The motion passed with the following vote

Ayes: Trustee Anthony, Trustee Reed, and Chairman Sherrer

Abstain: Trustee Calhoun, Trustee Thorpe

**d. Rotary International District 5770 - Conference and Banquet**

Patty Swink, Jim Swink, and Jeremiah Lynch presented for Rotary.

A motion was made by Trustee Thorpe to approve the grant for \$10,000 and seconded by Trustee Reed. The motion passed with the following vote

Ayes: Trustee Anthony, Trustee Calhoun, Trustee Reed, Trustee Thorpe, and Chairman Sherrer

**e. West Side Merchants Association - A Westside Christmas**

Maddison Williams presented for A Westside Christmas.

A motion was made by Trustee Reed to approve the grant for \$10,000 and seconded by Trustee Thorpe. The motion passed with the following vote

Ayes: Trustee Anthony, Trustee Calhoun, Trustee Reed, Trustee Thorpe, and Chairman Sherrer

**3. Review of Grant Wrap-Up Reports**

**a. Events International - Rugby**

Jeff Kolberg presented for the Rugby Tournament, stating that each year has been tremendously successful and thank you to DTEDA and the City of Durant. He discussed plans for future sports tournaments in Durant.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**August 26, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Trustee Calhoun to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2023 regular meeting minutes and seconded by Trustee Reed. The motion passed with the following vote

Ayes: Trustee Anthony, Trustee Calhoun, Trustee Reed, Trustee Thorpe, and Chairman Sherrer

**2. Review of Financial Reports**

The authority reviewed the financial reports included in the board packet.

**5. Discuss and Consider Approval of funding for a designated channel on hotel TV's for community events.**

Grace Rudolf gave a report from local cable channels and provided alternatives to cable.

A motion was made by Trustee Thorpe *to end the search* for a designated channel on hotel TV's and seconded by Trustee Reed.

Ayes: Trustee Anthony, Trustee Calhoun, Trustee Reed, Trustee Thorpe, Vice-Chairman Dewald, and Chairman Sherrer

**6. Discuss and Consider a new contract to assist in the upkeep and maintenance for 69/75 Lawn Maintenance.**

A motion was made by Trustee Reed to remove this item from the agenda seconded by Trustee Anthony.

Ayes: Trustee Anthony, Trustee Reed, and Chairman Sherrer

Abstain: Trustee Calhoun, Trustee Thorpe

**7. Discuss and Consider Lake Texoma Association 2024 Guide to Texoma Advertising.**

A motion was made by Trustee Anthony to approve advertising on the back cover of the Guide to Texoma, the board must approve the design before printed seconded by Trustee Reed.

Ayes: Trustee Anthony, Trustee Calhoun, Trustee Reed, Trustee Thorpe, Vice-Chairman Dewald, and Chairman Sherrer

**8. Discuss and Consider moving DTEDA board meetings to Durant Area Chamber of Commerce meeting space.**

Tabled due to time.

**9. Informational Items**

- a. Discover Durant Activity/Marketing Report
- b. Time Capsule Burial - Oct 14
- c. Discover Durant Fall Concert Series

- d. Lubbock News / News 9 Update
- e. Thank You letter from SE Foundation
- f. Report from Choctaw Nation Tourism Department

**10. Old Business**

**11. New Business**

1. Trustee Calhoun new business regarding a sub-committee for lawn contract with City of Durant
2. Trustee Reed new business regarding moving \$300,000 to a CD

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Trustee Anthony to adjourn seconded by Trustee Reed.

Ayes: Trustee Anthony, Trustee Calhoun, Trustee Reed, Vice-Chairman Dewald, and Chairman Sherrer

(Trustee Thorpe absent at vote)