

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DURANT TOURISM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY ON FEB 25, 2025 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=bO_fxvsMSEY

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hunt called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Thorpe led the invocation and the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Trustee Patel

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1) Approval of Minutes

January 28, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Kuykendall to approve the minutes and seconded by Trustee Thorpe

Aye: Trustee Byrd, Trustee Kuykendall, Trustee Sherrer, Trustee Thorpe, Chairman Hunt

Abstain: Trustee Anthony

2) Review of Financial Reports

Trustee Kuykendall presented the financial report. "This month's income is roughly \$17K. We continue to operate in a deficit and use reserve cash funds to operate. Upon recent council with the auditors under contract, in order to ensure fiduciary responsibility and compliance with the Oklahoma constitution, it has become certain that in this moment the Trustees of this Tourism Authority should not move forward with any motion or vote of expenditures until the audit is complete and the Trustees receive further notice."

A motion to approve the financial report was made by Chairman Hunt and seconded by Vice Chairman Anthony.

Aye: Trustee Kuykendall, Trustee Byrd, Trustee Sherrer, Trustee Thorpe, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt

3) Discuss strategy and vision for DTEDA

4) Discuss, consider, and/or approve Management Contract Proposals

a. West Durant Merchants Association

b. Durant Area Chamber of Commerce

c. Hiring a Director of Tourism

A motion was made by Chairman Hunt to not award a management contract and to hire a contract employee at 5 hours per week for \$250/ week and was seconded by Vice Chairman Anthony. Chairman Hunt noted that this is less than \$7,500 so a competitive bid is not necessary.

Aye: Trustee Sherrer, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt

Nay: Trustee Thorpe

Abstain: Trustee Byrd, Trustee Kuykendall

5) Discuss, consider, and/or approve Durant Area Chamber of Commerce Contract Extension

A motion was made by Chairman Hunt to pay the Durant Area Chamber of Commerce \$12,500 for January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025. Seconded by Vice Chairman Anthony.

Aye: Trustee Kuykendall, Trustee Thorpe, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt

Nay: Trustee Thorpe

Abstain: Trustee Byrd

6) Discuss, consider, and/or approve sponsorship for Magnolia Open Disc Golf Tournament

Mike Delloro presented and asked for \$10,000 sponsership for the Magnolia Open Disc Golf Tournament.

Tabled

7) Discuss, consider, and/or approve Fall Concert Series Contract

Tabled

8) Informational items

a. Discover Durant Activity Report

b. Report from Choctaw Nation Tourism Department

9) Old business

a. 2023-2024 Audit

10) New business

ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: Trustee Kuykendall, Trustee Byrd, Trustee Sherrer, Trustee Thorpe, Chairman Hunt