

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DURANT TOURISM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY ON APRIL 29, 2025 AT 3:00 PM IN THE ROSCOE J. HATFIELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
300 WEST EVERGREEN ST, DURANT, OKLAHOMA**

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 Patel, Trustee Thorpe, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt

Absent: Trustee Sherrer

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1) Approval of Minutes

March 25, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2025 Workshop / Planning Session Minutes

Vice Chairman Anthony motioned to approve the minutes, and Trustee Byrd seconded it.

Aye: Trustee Byrd, Trustee Patel, Trustee Thorpe, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt
(Trustee Kuykendall absent at vote)

2) Review of Financial Reports

Trustee Kuykendall presented the financial report.

3) Discuss, consider, and/or approve 2025-2026 FY Budget

Chairman Hunt motioned to approve the 2025-2026 FY Budget and Vice-Chairman Anthony seconded it.

Aye: Trustee Kuykendall, Trustee Byrd, Trustee Patel, Vice Chairman Anthony, Chairman Hunt
Nay: Trustee Thorpe

4) Discuss, consider, and/or approve sponsorship for the Magnolia Open Disc Golf Tournament 2025 (\$10,000)

Mike Delloro Presented.

Trustee Kuykendall motioned to approve the \$10,000 sponsorship of the Magnolia Open Disc Golf Tournament, and Vice Chairman Anothony seconded it.

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

5) Discuss, consider, and/or approve sponsorship for the Magnolia Festival of Oklahoma 2025 (\$7,500)

Cheyhoma Duggar presented.

Vice Chairman Anthony motioned to approve the \$7,500 sponsorship for the Magnolia Festival of Oklahoma and trustee Kuykendall seconded it.

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

Abstain: Trustee Byrd

6) Discuss, Consider, and/or approve Grants and Special Projects

a. Durant Riding Club - May 2025 (\$25,000)

The Durant Riding Club presented.

Vice Chairman Anthony motioned to approve the \$25,000 special project and Chairman Hunt seconded.

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

b. Events Incorporated Rugby - June 2025 (\$3,000)

Jeff Kolberg presented.

Trustee Thorpe motioned to approve and Trustee Byrd seconded.

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

7) Discuss, consider, and/or approve a letter of support for the proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) project plan for the Pointe Vista development

Trustee Thorpe motioned to approve the letter of support and Trustee Anthony seconded.

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

8) Informational Items

- a. Report from Choctaw Nation Tourism Department

9) Old Business

- a. 2023-2024 Audit

Trustee Kuykendall gave an update

10) New Business

Trustee Thorpe requested a discussion about moving DTEDA finances to the City of Durant.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Thorpe made a motion to adjourn and Vice Chairman Anthony seconded it.

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