

Minutes

Anderson County Development Agency

March 19, 2019

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. with the following board members in attendance: Reuben Feuerborn, Les McGhee and Casey Smith. Chris Weiner, City Manager and Julie Turnipseed, Director were also present.
- II. Approval of the Minutes: Les McGhee made a motion to approve the February 19 minutes as presented seconded by Casey Smith. Motion carried.
- III. Review of the February Financial Statement: Reuben suggested adding a column F to indicate the percentage of the remaining year. The Board members commented on the new format.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Comments on the Economic Indicators Report: Comments about the report were that it is a good presentation of where Garnett is currently. Casey Smith asked about housing rental vacancies. Reuben commented that our greatest need is in senior housing. Chris reported he met with contractors that are interested in building senior housing in Garnett. Reuben expressed an interest in ACDA being involved in the project at some level. Chris agreed that we could work that out.
 - b. Business Visitation Program: Julie reported that Craig VanWey from the Department of Commerce and she have made 18 BRES visits to date. Plans are to make 25 visits with Craig.
 - c. First Impressions Program: Julie Turnipseed reported the First Impressions Public Meeting will be held on Monday, April 15 at 7:00 in Town Hall Center. She urged everyone to attend.
 - d. Review 2019 Strategic Plan: Julie Turnipseed reviewed the plan with the members.
 - e. Housing Meeting: Julie Turnipseed asked about the date of April 3 as a good date for the Lender and Contractors meeting. ACDA will pay for the food it was suggested to hold the meeting at the Dutch Country Kitchen. Julie Turnipseed will work on setting up the meeting. Julie Turnipseed brought up the Land Bank Program for the Board's consideration. Chris

Weiner discussed the details of a Land Bank for Garnett. The Board agreed that Julie Turnipseed along with Chris Weiner to look into it further.

- V. New Business:
 - a. Work Keys Community Certification: Julie Turnipseed introduced the program and gave an overview. Chris Weiner gave further details of the program. Discussion followed. The board members approved spending up to \$1,000 for the boot camp training in Omaha, NE which is required to become certified. Julie Turnipseed will submit the application and Susan Wettstein will attend the boot camp along with Julie Turnipseed on April 17-18, 2019.
 - b. February Directors Report: Julie Turnipseed presented the February Directors Report.
- VI. Les McGhee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Casey Smith. Meeting adjourned at 6:40
- VII. Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 5:00 in the City Commission meeting room at City Hall.

Julie Turnipseed, Director