



Anderson County Development Agency  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 19, 2022

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Reuben Feuerborn Past Chairman of the Board. **Board Members in attendance** were, Dwight Nelson, Les McGhee, Jody Cole, Doug Rockers and Julie Turnipseed, Director. Guest in attendance were Jenn Lair, Manager of the Eastern Region for NetWork Kansas and Janet Miller, Manager of the Southeastern Region of NetWork Kansas. **Board Member absent** were Eric Glaze, Casey Smith, Nick Durand, and Eileen Burns.
- II. The minutes of the March 22, 2022, meeting was approved by a motion from Les and a second by Dwight. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.
- III. A motion was made by Doug to approve the March 2022 financials and seconded by Les. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.
- IV. New Business:
  - a. Business Recruitment and Retention Activity
    - i. Julie talked about the new businesses that are locating in Anderson County and Garnett. She is working to help them as much as possible.
    - ii. Julie and Craig Van Wey conducted 17 Business Recruitment and Retention visits on March 30, 31<sup>st</sup> and April 13.
  - b. Downtown Revitalization Plan
    - i. The Garnett Downtown Square Revitalization Advisory Board held a volunteer meeting for all interested in participating in the program. The meeting was held on April 11 at 6:00 in the Archer Room at the Library with 10 volunteers in attendance. The group was divided into Promotion, Design and Economic Vitality Committees and began the process of creating work plans for 2022.

c. Child Care

- i. Julie reported that the Child Care Providers meeting went well, there were 10 in attendance. She asked the board for their approval to send out Chamber Buck for Child Care Providers Appreciation Day on May 6. Reuben made a motion to send \$25 Chamber Bucks Certificate to each of the licensed child care providers in Anderson County along with a thank you card created by Charlotte Lutz. Les seconded the motion and a vote was taken, and the motion passed.
- ii. Julie reported that ACDA had received a \$1,500 grant from Child Care Aware for recruitment of new providers.
- iii. Julie reported that the child care center considering Garnett as their next location is moving along well.

V. Other Business:

a. Land Bank

- i. Les gave a recap of the discussion at the City County joint meeting on the Land Bank. Jody talked about the discussion at the City Commission meeting on the Land Bank. The City Commission will be discussing it again at their next meeting. Discussion followed.

b. Retail Talk with Amber Nickel

- i. Julie reported on the Morning Mingle Retail Talk by Amber Nickel from Pawsh in Lawrence.

c. Size Up Program

- i. Julie ask to board to research the program and we would take a vote if we want to participate in the program with the other counties.

VI. Directors Report

- a. Julie presented her monthly directors report.

VII. Les made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dwight seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07.

VIII. Next Meeting: May 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.