



Anderson County Development Agency

Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 19, 2021

- I. The ACDA Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Eric Glaze, Chairman of the Board. In attendance was Eric Glaze, Cody Gettler, City Commissioner, Les McGhee, County Commissioner, Casey Smith, Reuben Feuerborn, Doug Rockers, Dwight Nelson, Julie Turnipseed, Director and Jenn Laird, Manager of the Eastern Region of NetWork Kansas.

- II. A motion by Les for the approval of the minutes from the June 15th meeting was seconded by Casey. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

- III. Review of the June 2021 Financial Statements. A motion was made by Casey and a second by Les, a vote was taken, and the motion passed. The Advisory Board reviewed the proposed 2022 budget. Discussion followed.

- IV. New Business:
 - a. **Business Recruitment and Retention:** Julie reported that we received an RFI from the Kansas Department of Commerce. We did not qualify to submit a proposal. Julie reported that we have had some activity from potential new businesses owners to locate in Garnett. She will continue working with them in hopes we are successful in them locating in Garnett.
 - b. **SBA Community Navigator Pilot Program:** ACDA submitted to be a spoke in the SBACNPP with Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission. If they are successful in being awarded grant funds ACDA will receive more details to the scope of work.
 - c. **USDA Housing Rehabilitation Grant:** Julie reported she had met with all five of the Mayor's from the incorporated communities in Anderson County on the grant. Each community will participate in the grant and will receive \$8,000 for LMI housing rehab.
 - d. **Love What's Local:** No update
 - e. **June 2021 Directors report:** Julie asked if there were any comments or questions on the report.

- V.

VI. 2021 Strategic Plan:

- a. **Downtown Revitalization Plan:** After much discussion, Casey made a motion to begin the downtown revitalization public input meetings, Cody seconded the motion a vote was taken, and the motion passed.
- b. **Workforce Development:** Julie updated the board on the Anderson County WorkReady Career Fair. There are currently 13 employers participating. Julie distributed the material that will be used at the Career Fair. Several hundreds of flyers are being distributed by Sonic, Country Mart and the convenience stores. The Career Fair will be held in the Merchants Tent as the Anderson County Fair on Wednesday, July 28 from 5:30 -7:00 p.m.

VII. Other Business:

- a. Eric asked if anyone had any other business, there was none.

VIII. Eric asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Les made the motion and Reuben seconded it a vote was taken, the motion passed.

Next Meeting: August 23, 2021 at the City Commission Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted by: Cody Gettler