



Anderson County Development Agency

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Eric Glaze, Chairman of the Board. Board Members in attendance were Eric Glaze, Doug Rockers, Les McGhee, Nick Durand, Casey Smith, and Reuben Feuerborn. Guest in attendance was Paula Scott.
- II. Paula Scott from Growing Garnett made a presentation and distributed a survey as well as a packet of information. She also gave each board member the book, *Strong Towns to Rebuild American Prosperity* by Charles L. Marohn, Jr.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Les made a motion to approve the November 8, 2021, minutes, Casey seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.
- IV. Financials: A motion was made by Casey to approve the November and December 2021 and the January 2022 financials; Nick seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.
- V. New Business
 - a. New Business Recruitment and Retention Activity
 - i. New Business Activity: Julie reported that we have two new potential businesses for Garnett. She also reported that the Advocate Building as well as Malones has sold.
 - ii. BASE Grant: We have two possible applicants from Anderson County. Discussion followed
 - iii. Kansas Department of Commerce Grassroots ED 101: Julie attended the sessions. A list of topics was provided.
 - iv. Business Retention and Expansion Surveys: Craig Van Wey from the Department of Commerce will be helping Julie with conducting the surveys to Anderson County businesses in late March.
 - b. Downtown Revitalization Plan
 - i. Advisory Board Meeting: The advisory board met and has created the Mission and Vision Statement and created the District Boundaries. Discussion followed. A motion was made to adopt the

mission, vision statement and the district boundaries by Les and Reuben seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed. A copy of the document is attached to the minutes.

- ii. Committees and Workplans: The Advisory Board is in the process of creating the workplans for each of the four committees. Committees will begin meeting soon.

c. Child Care:

- i. Regional Child Care Conversation: Julie reported that Anderson County has 9 representatives on the Anderson County Child Care team that will be attending the March 4 Regional Child Care Conversation in Paola.
- ii. Child Care Providers: Julie reported that we have 4 potential new in-home childcare providers. Each are in the process of going through the steps to open their business.
- iii. Child Care Center: Julie updated the board on the continued efforts to bring a childcare center to Anderson County.

VI. Other Business

a. Morning Mingle

- i. Chocolate Tour: The tour is set for March 5 with 13 businesses participating.
- ii. Anderson County Sweetest Couple: The contest is ongoing, and voting will open on February 16.
- iii. 20 new planters in front of businesses: Julie reported on the status of the new planters for the businesses in Garnett.

- VII. Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Casey and seconded by Nick. A vote was taken, and motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

- VIII. Next Meeting: March 15, 2022, 5:00 p.m. at City Hall