

Oklahoma Southwest Alliance, Inc. (OSA)

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 19, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Hinton Economic Development Authority (HEDA)

406 N. Broadway

Hinton, OK 73047

Welcome/Call to Order:

Clark Southard called the meeting to order at 10:02am with a welcome and introduction

Self-Introduction of attendees were made:

- *Shawn Freie – Caddo Kiowa Technology Center
- *Michael Hixson -PSO
- *Jason Garner – Hinton Economic Development Authority
- *Willie J. Tiller – Western Oklahoma Workforce Board
- *Trina Southard- South Central Oklahoma Workforce Board
- *Diana Patterson-Smith – Western Technology Center
- *Jennifer Billy – City of Thomas
- *Craig J. Smith – OSIDA
- *Jessica Forbes – South Central Workforce Board
- *Laura Hammontree – Western Oklahoma Workforce Board
- *Michael Ryburn – SWODA
- *Yolanda Creswell – City of Weatherford
- *Claudia Spybuck – Wichita Tribe
- *Terri Parton – Wichita Tribe
- *Jim Cowan – Chickasha EDC
- *Tim Hushbeck – PSO
- *Roland Mower – Clinton Economic Development Authority

Previous Minutes:

Roland Mower made motion to accept the minutes; Tim Hushbeck seconded, motion approved

Financial Report:

Jason Garner presented the financial report. The account balance is \$18,025.94.

Program:

- Jason Garner, Hinton Economic Development Authority updated the group about projects in Hinton.
 - Just finished expansion of 281 and I-40 to make it 5 lanes.
 - Sugar Creek Casino is undergoing expansion and should be done mid-September, with a grand opening sometime in October.
 - Senior Citizens Community is coming along nicely. There will be 20-25 cottage type homes.

- HEDA continues to give housing incentives of \$5000.00 for completed homes in the city limits. So far they have given out 25 incentives.
 - Hinton infrastructure projects are on-going.
 - HEDA paved West Airport Road in the Industrial Park. At this time all roads in the Industrial Park are paved.
 - Street Races began in March and will continue through October on the 2nd Saturday night of the month.
 - Red Rock Canyon Adventure Park has event scheduled for September 19th. Check out their website for details.
 - Hinton Fair has been canceled
- Clark Southard presented more on Economic Development 101 with a focus on Leadership and how important leadership development is within our communities.
 - Shawn Freie presented on Washita Valley Leadership Program.
 - WVLP is in its 27th year patterned after Leadership Oklahoma and Oklahoma Ag. Leadership. They meet 8 times for a full day of leadership development and activities. The class meets September –April. Topic areas include John C. Maxell training, Area Agriculture, Tourism, Economic and Community Development, Local, County and State Government.

Old Business:

- Census Update – The last day to report census data has been moved to September 30, 2020.
- Website update – OSA has received the invoice for the website update Clark will follow up.
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New Business:

- Regional Centers of Excellence Support, Clark let the group know that OSA will do a letter of support for the Regional Centers of Excellence application.
- Discussion on allowing zoom meetings. It was decided by the group to keep them in person with social distancing/masks etc.

Next Meeting:

September 16, 2020 in Chickasha at the Grady County Fairgrounds.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 12:15pm by Trina Southard, seconded by Michael Hixson, motion passed.

Clark Southard, Chairman

Shawn Freie, Secretary