

Oklahoma Southwest Alliance, Inc. (OSA)

Regular Monthly Meeting

June 17, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Weatherford City Hall , Blair Room

522 West Rainey Avenue

Weatherford, OK 73069

Welcome/Call to Order:

Clark Southard called the meeting to order at 10am 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

Julie Sanders – SORTPO/SWODA

Trina Southard- South Central Oklahoma Workforce Board

Diana Patterson-Smith – Western Technology Center

Jennifer Billy – City of Thomas

Jim Mason – City of Elk City

Jessica Forbes – South Central Workforce Board

Tiera Cole – Lawton Fort Sill EDC

Michael Ryburn – SWODA

Wayne Coffee – CKTC

Yolanda Creswell – City of Weatherford

Mike Brown – City of Weatherford

Tim Hushbeck – PSO

-Someone from Clinton(I cannot read this persons writing)

Previous Minutes:

Jim Mason made motion to accept the minutes; Trina Southard seconded, motion approved

Financial Report:

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

Program:

- Mayor Mike Brown gave a wonderful overview of what is going on in Weatherford.
 - Stafford Air and Space Museum is undergoing the 7 million construction expansion
 - Two new schools are being build
 - Hilton Hotel under construction that will bring 91 new rooms to town.
 - Road improvements
 - Industrial Trust has purchased 70 Acres for development.
 - Long range planning for capital improvements –Using the old hospital location to house Police Station/911 Center that will be a Public Safety Campus of sorts. It is a partnership between the City, Public Schools, Hospital and University.

- Julie Sanders, Southwest Oklahoma Development Authority presented an update on Census 2020. It is very important to get complete count committees set up in every community in SW Oklahoma. Julie encouraged OSA to get information out to the communities in our area and information could be found at okletscount.org. There has been a very low response in rural Oklahoma. Julie asked OSA members to email her any community events coming up that the Census committee could attend to get the word out about census.
- Discussion on Businesses/Agency Reopening Plans
- OSA Vice Chair position – Jeannie Bowden has stepped down as OSA Vice Chair. Clark opened the floor for nominations/ volunteer. Tim Husbeck nominated Mike Hixson, Trina Southard Seconded, hearing no objection vote passed.

Old Business:

- OSA Conference Committee Update: It was decided to have the conference next year, same time of year and having it in Elk City.

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.

Next Meeting:

August 19, 2020, Hinton Economic Development Authority

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 12:15pm by Wayne Coffee, seconded by Jim Mason, motion passed.

Clark Southard, Chairman

Shawn Freie, Secretary