

Oklahoma Southwest Alliance, Inc. (OSA)

Regular Monthly Meeting

September 15, 2021

Granna's & Frederick Golf and Country Club

1001 North 1st Street

Frederick, OK 73542

Industry Tour: Granna's, LLC

James Bennight, owner gave the group a wonderful tour of the Frederick facility. The company has two locations one in Frederick and the original location in Bessie. Granna's is currently a woman owned, family run company and produces around fifty different frozen meals, including low sodium, heart healthy, diabetic friendly, and gluten free.

Welcome/Call to Order:

Jeannie Bowden called the meeting to order at 11:58 a.m. with a warm welcome and introductions.

Present:

- Jason Garner – Hinton Economic Development Authority (OSA Treasurer)
- Trina Southard- South Central Oklahoma Workforce Board
- Shawn Freie – Caddo Kiowa Technology Center (OSA Secretary)
- Michael Ryburn – SWODA
- Linda Greer – SCOWB
- Yolanda Creswell – City of Weatherford
- Clark Southard- Catero, Inc
- Alicia White – Anadarko Chamber Director
- Jennifer Billy – City of Thomas
- Steve Carson – Senator Lankford
- Jill Biggs – Frederick Chamber
- Felisha Crawford – Frederick Chamber
- Samantha Lankford – Cameron/OKSBDC
- Tim Hushbeck – AEP/PSO
- Jace Zacharias – Office of Senator Inhofe
- Lee Litterell – City Manager- Frederick
- John Noel – Caddo Kiowa Technology Center
- Kelly Davis – South Central Oklahoma Workforce Board
- Gilbert Nuneio – Frederick Chamber of Commerce
- Brandy McIntyre – Oklahoma Department of Commerce

Minutes:

August 2021 minutes were presented by Shawn Freie, Clark Southard made motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; Michael Ryburn seconded, motion approved.

Financial Report:

Jason Garner presented the financial report. The account balance is \$17,627.64.

Program:

- Chase Massie, Henniges Automotive
 - Henniges Automotive has been in Frederick for 42 years. They produce the weather seals used on almost every model of automotive. They run three (3) shifts and have approximately 275 employees.
 - Henniges has a partnership with Great Plains Technology Center, Frederick Campus, to provide a curriculum for pre-employment education. If they class is taken they are guaranteed an interview but not a job. If the class is completed the employee will start at \$15.50 per hour. Henniges plans on providing internship opportunities starting summer 2021.

Old Business:

- None to report

New Business:

- Michael Ryburn reported on the new Southwest Oklahoma Aerospace Coalition.
- Clark Southard made the motion to provide a letter of support to the new organization, Trina Southard second, motion passed.
- Clark will draft the letter of support.

2021 Meeting locations –

- October 20 - Hinton
- November 17 – Annual Meeting Fort Cobb, CKTC
- December – no meeting

Next Meeting:

October 20, 2021 – Hinton Economic Development Authority
406 N. Broadway
Hinton, OK 73047

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 12:05 pm by Clark Southard, seconded by Michael Ryburn, motion passed.

Michael Hixson, Chairman

Shawn Freie, Secretary