

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER called to order the Board of Directors' Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:10 a.m., Wednesday, September 18, 2013, at the NWAEDD Plaza, Harrison, Arkansas.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER introduced and welcomed special guests, MS. KATHRYN GOUGH, field representative for Senator Boozman's office and MR. RONNIE ANDERSON from Senator Pryor's office.

Board Members present were:

Baxter County

**JUDGE MICKEY PENDERGRASS, BAXTER COUNTY
MAYOR DAVID OSMON, MOUNTAIN HOME**

Boone County

MR. BILL WITTY, HARRISON

Carroll County

**JUDGE SAM BARR, CARROLL COUNTY
MAYOR MORRIS PATE, EUREKA SPRINGS**

Madison County

**JUDGE FRANK WEAVER
MR. WES FOWLER**

Marion County

**JUDGE TERRY OTT, MARION COUNTY
MAYOR SHAWN L. LANE, YELLVILLE**

Newton County

JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL, NEWTON COUNTY

Searcy County

**JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY, SEARCY COUNTY
MAYOR JOHN HENLEY, ST. JOE
MR. JAMES BUSBEE, MARSHALL**

Washington County

**MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, WASHINGTON COUNTY
(and JUDGE MARILYN EDWARD, WASHINGTON COUNTY)
MR. RAY M. BOUDREAUX, FAYETTville (WORKFORCE)**

Guests present were:

**Kathryn Gough, Senator Boozman's Office
Ronnie Anderson, Senator Pryor's Office
Drew Williams, AEDC
Pattie Mills, Newton County
Diane Wilkerson, City of Eureka Springs
Glenna Booth, City of Eureka Springs
Jason Gunter, City of Yellville
Talitha Hardin, City of Leslie
Tim McKinney, City of Berryville
Debbie Davidson, NWAEDD
JoAnna Cartwright, NWAEDD-NATS
Mike Galligan, NWAEDD
Janie Wheeler, NWAEDD
Kaye Taylor, NWAEDD
Jay Stallard, NWAEDD
Susan Sangren, NWACDC
J. Michael Norton, NWAEDD**

Minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting were presented and approved on motion by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER, seconded by MAYOR SHAWN LANE, motion unanimously carried.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER offered the Locality Contribution Report that was included in the Board packets.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER said the review of the Regional Clearinghouse Resolutions was the next item of business.

The following Regional Clearinghouse Resolutions No. 3015 through No. 3023 were presented and discussed by EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON:

RESOLUTION NO. 3015 -- NWAEDD - WIA - NATIONAL EMERGENCY GRANT (NEG) - TO CREATE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT TO ASSIST WITH CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES FROM STORMS, TORNADOS AND FLOODS IN 2013 IN SEARCY COUNTY.

RESOLUTION NO. 3016 - ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AGENCY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, INC. - COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG). COMPREHENSIVE MENU OF SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH LOW INCOME PRIMARILY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, AR DESIGNED TO ASSIST THEM IN ACHIEVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY. SOME SERVICES OFFERED IN BENTON, CARROLL AND MADISON COUNTIES - I.E. INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT PROGRAM AND CHILDREN'S HOUSE.

RESOLUTION NO. 3017 - NWAEDD - WIA - THE WIA ADULT PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO ADULTS: CORE, INTENSIVE AND TRAINING.

RESOLUTION NO. 3018 - NWAEDD - WIA - THE DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE (DEI) SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE YOUTH WHO ARE 14-24 YEARS OF AGE WITH DISABILITIES (VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE) TO PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE. ELIGIBILITY WILL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS DISABILITIES ACT.

RESOLUTION NO. 3019 - NWAEDD - WIA - THE WIA DISLOCATED WORKERS PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO ADULTS: CORE, INTENSIVE AND TRAINING.

RESOLUTION NO. 3020 - NWAEDD - WIA - THE WIA YOUTH PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION SERVICES AND WORK EXPERIENCE TO ELIGIBLE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED YOUTH AGES: 14-21.

RESOLUTION NO. 3021 - NORTHWEST REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY - HOME - TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE.

RESOLUTION NO. 3022 - OFFICE OF HUMAN CONCERN - COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG).

RESOLUTION NO. 3023 - OZARK OPPORTUNITIES, INC. - COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) - EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, INCOME MAINTENANCE, HOUSING, EMERGENCY SERVICES, NUTRITION, COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION/LINKAGES AND HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS OF BAXTER, BOONE, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY AND VAN BUREN COUNTIES IN ARKANSAS.

Motion to approve Regional Clearinghouse Resolutions No. 3015 through No. 3023 was made by MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP and seconded by MR. BILL WITTY and motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated a review of the **General Improvement Fund (GIF) Grant Awards in NWAEDD** was the next item of business. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON** presented the project by **Arkansas House District** and funding and requested a project from **NEWTON COUNTY** be added to the list. Motion to approve the **GIF Grant Award** as reported was made by **MR. BILL WITTY** and seconded by **JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY** and motion carried unanimously.

MR. BILL WITTY made the motion to handle future **GIF** applications by the clearinghouse process review committee, electronically and by mail if electronic communication could not be performed. **JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY** seconded and motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON requested approval to transfer **GIF Funds** appropriated to **SENATOR MISSY IRVINS DISTRICT** to **White River Planning and Development District** that serves her Senate District. **MAYOR SHAWN LANE** made a motion to transfer the **GIF Funds** to **WRPDD**. Motion seconded by **MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP** and motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated the next order of business would be consideration of **RESOLUTION NO. 3024 and 3025**. **EXECUTIVE MIKE NORTON** presented information on the resolutions.

RESOLUTION NO. 3024 -- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC., TO FILE AN APPLICATION THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUATION OF FUNDING FOR THE NORTH ARKANSAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (NATS) PROGRAM IN BAXTER, BOONE, CARROLL, FULTON, IZARD, MARION, MADISON, NEWTON AND SEARCY COUNTIES, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014.

Motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 3024** was made by **MAYOR MORRIS PATE** and seconded by **MR. RAY BEAUDREAU** and motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3025 – NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC. AUTHORIZATION TO USE LOCAL FUNDS TO MATCH WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, FOR FUNDING OF THE EDA PLANNING GRANT 2014.

Motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 3025** was made by **JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY** and seconded by **MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP** and motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON presented an audio plan and cost estimates for the newly named **Kenton R. Treat Conference Room**. **MAYOR SHAWN LANE** made a motion to approve the request to purchase and install **Audio Visual Presentation Equipment** at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. The motion was seconded by **JUDGE SAM BARR** and motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. on a motion by **JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY** and seconded by **MR. BILL WITTY** and motion carried unanimously.


Chairman

Date: 3-19-14


Secretary

Date: 3-19-14

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING

JUNE 18, 2013

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER called to order the Board of Directors' Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:10 a.m., Tuesday, June 18, 2013, in the Kenton R. Treat Conference Room at the NWAEDD Plaza, Harrison, Arkansas.

Board Members present were:

Baxter County

**JUDGE MICKEY PENDERGRASS, BAXTER COUNTY
MAYOR DAVID OSMON, CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME**

Boone County

JUDGE JAMES NORTON, BOONE COUNTY

Carroll County

**JUDGE SAM BARR, CARROLL COUNTY
MAYOR MORRIS PATE, EUREKA SPRINGS**

Madison County

**JUDGE FRANK WEAVER, MADISON COUNTY
WES FOWLER, MADISON COUNTY**

Marion County

**JUDGE TERRY OTT, MARION COUNTY
MAYOR SHAWN L. LANE, YELLVILLE**

Newton County

JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL, NEWTON COUNTY

Searcy County

**JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY, SEARCY COUNTY
MAYOR JOHN HENLEY, ST. JOE
MR. JAMES BUSBEE, MARSHALL**

Washington County

MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, WASHINGTON COUNTY

MR. RAY M. BOUDREAUX, FAYETTEVILLE

Guests present were:

Kaye Taylor, NWAEDD

Janie Wheeler, NWAEDD

Mike Galligan, NWAEDD

Jay Stallard, NWAEDD

Joanna Cartwright, NWAEDD

Tom Linn, Bentonville/Bella Vista Chamber of Commerce

Kathryn Gough, Senator Boozman's Office

Susan Daniel, NWACDC

Donna Carney, NWACDC

Drew Williams, AEDC

Teri Garrett, Congressman Womack's Office

Bootsie Ackerman, Congressman Womack's Office

Kyle Weaver, Congressman Womack's Office

Lillian Young, Newton County

Denver Smith, Newton County

Justin Harper, Senator Pryor's Office

Susan Sangren, NWACDC

Hillrey Adams, Senator Boozman's Office

J. Michael Norton, NWAEDD

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Guests were recognized and introduced.

Minutes of the March 20, 2013 meeting were presented and approved on motion by MR. RAY BOUDREAUX, seconded by JUDGE TERRY OTT, motion unanimously carried.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER offered the Locality Contribution Report that was included in the Board packets.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER said the review of the Regional Clearinghouse Resolutions was the next item of business.

Regional Clearinghouse Resolutions No. 3014 was presented and discussed by EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON:

RESOLUTION NO. 3014 – HEALTH RESOURCES OF ARKANSAS REGIONAL PREVENTION PROVIDER FOR THE COUNTIES OF BAXTER, BOONE, MARION, NEWTON AND SEARCY.

Motion to approve Regional Clearinghouse Resolution No. 3014 was made by MAYOR DAVID OSMON and seconded by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER and motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated the next item on the agenda was the Administrative Budget comprised of Federal and State funds.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON presented the budget and reviewed the programmatic resources for operation of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., for the period from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

Motion to approve the budget was made by MAYOR MORRIS PATE and seconded by JUDGE SAM BARR and motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON presented the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, General Improvement Fund (GIF) Request for Program. The Arkansas General Assembly Acts appropriated GIF money for community and economic development grants for Arkansas through the Arkansas Development Districts. The Application and process for the grant program were presented to the Board.

Motion to approve the General Improvement Fund program was made by JUDGE SAM BARR and seconded by JUDGE WARREN CAHPBELL and motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER noted the great turnout and expressed his appreciation for the attendance. He stated the importance of GIF funds to the cities and counties in the District. CHAIRMAN FOWLER complimented the NWAEDD for being given the administration of GIF and the work with Senators and Representatives in Northwest Arkansas and Arkansas.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on a motion by MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP and seconded by MR. RAY BOUDREAUX and motion carried unanimously.



Wes Fowler
Chairman

Date: 9/18/13



Bill Witty
Secretary

Date: 9-18-13

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING

MARCH 20, 2013

VICE-CHAIRMAN RAY BOUDREAUX called to order the Board of Directors' Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:25 a.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at the Durand Conference Center, Harrison, Arkansas.

Board Members present were:

Baxter County

JUDGE MICKEY PENDERGRASS, BAXTER COUNTY
MAYOR DAVID OSMON, MOUNTIAN HOME

Boone County

MR. BILL WITTY, HARRISON

Carroll County

JUDGE SAM BARR, CARROLL COUNTY
MAYOR MORRIS PATE, EUREKA SPRINGS

Madison County

JUDGE FRANK WEAVER, MADISON COUNTY

Marion County

JUDGE TERRY OTT, MARION COUNTY
MAYOR SHAWN L. LANE, YELLVILLE

Newton County

JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL, NEWTON COUNTY
MR. NEAL GIBSON, WESTERN GROVE

Searcy County

JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY, SEARCY COUNTY
MR. JAMES BUSBEE, MARSHALL

Washington County

MAYOR DOUG SPROUSE, SPRINGDALE
MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, FAYETTEVILLE
MR. RAY M. BOUDREAUX, FAYETTEVILLE

Guests present were:

Mayor Peggy Hammack, Cotter

Mayor Jeff Braim, Gassville

Mayor Charles Linam, Decatur

Mayor John Mark Turner, Siloam Springs

Anna Tillman Floyd, Cotter

James Boston, Decatur

Glenna Booth, Eureka Springs

James L. Youngquist, IEA/UALR

Kathryn Gough, Senator John Boozman's Office

Hillrey Adams, Senator John Boozman's Office

Patty Methvin, Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce

Steve Lawrence, District 9 Engineer, AHTD

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Stephanie Robinson, Dept. of Workforce Services

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Eddie Treece, NWAEDD

Janie Wheeler, NWAEDD

Jay Stallard, NWAEDD

Susan Sangren, NWACDC

Ann Rackley, NWACDC

Donna Carney, NWACDC

Susan Daniel, NWACDC

April Turner, NWACDC

Karen Henry, NWACDC

Brenda Still, NWACDC

Betty Ragland, NWACDC

Jo Anna Cartwright, NATS

Debbie Waters, NATS

Ron Delk, NATS

Greg LaBonte, NATS

Richard Crow, NATS

Gary Huston, NATS

Ron Schoborg, NATS

Debra Atkins, NATS
Quinten Williams, NATS
Aaron Groen, NATS
Orval Cater, NATS
Robert Mills, NATS
Alta Watson, NATS
Corey Dart, NATS
Kevin Hudson, NATS

Minutes of the September 19, 2012 meeting were presented and approved on motion by JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL, seconded by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY, motion unanimously carried.

VICE-CHAIRMAN BOUDREAUX offered the Locality Contribution Reports that was included in the Board packets.

VICE-CHAIRMAN BOUDREAUX said the review of the Regional Clearinghouse Resolutions was the next item of business.

Regional Clearinghouse Resolutions Number 3008 and 3009 were presented and discussed by EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON:

RESOLUTION NO. 3008 -- NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC., APPLICATION FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUNDING TO OPERATE THE ADULT PROGRAM OF CORE, INTENSIVE AND TRAINING SERVICES IN BAXTER, BENTON, BOONE, CARROLL, MAIDSON, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES.

RESOLUTION NO. 3009 -- NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC., APPLICATION FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUNDING TO OPERATE THE DISLOCATED WORKERS PROGRAM BAXTER, BENTON, BOONE, CARROLL, MADISON, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES.

Motion to approve Regional Clearinghouse Resolutions No. 3008 and 3009 was made by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY and seconded by JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL and motion carried unanimously.

VICE-CHAIRMAN RAY BOUDREAUX stated the next order of business would be consideration of RESOLUTION NO. 3010, 3011, 3012 and 3013. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON presented information on the resolutions.

RESOLUTION NO. 3010 -- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NWAEDD TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR CONTINUATION OF FUNDING OF TITLE IIIB, TITLE IIIC, SSBG, STATE CIGARETTE TAX, MEDICAID, NSIP, STATE SENIOR CENTER, ADULT DAY CARE, STATE AGING SERVICES, TITLE IIIE, SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAMS IN BAXTER, BOONE, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 3010 was made by MR. BILL WITTY and seconded by MAYOR SHAWN LANE and motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3011 -- A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REVOLVING LOAN FUND IS OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE RLF PLAN.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 3011 was made by JUDGE SAM BARR and seconded by JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL and motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3012 -- A CORPORATE RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 3012 was made by JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL and seconded by JUDGE TERRY OTT and motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3013 -- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDING OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM FOR THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 3013 was made by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY and seconded by MAYOR SHAWN LANE and motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON addressed the board on program funding and the effect of sequestration on NWAEDD programs and grant funding.

VICE-CHAIRMAN RAY BOUDREAUX called for a recess to allow the CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS to meet before the Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy presentation. A motion to recess was made by MAYOR DAVID OSMON and seconded by MR. BILL WITTY and motion carried unanimously. Meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m.

VICE-CHAIRMAN RAY BOUDREAUX requested the Board reconvene at 12:40 p.m. A motion to come out of recess was made by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER and seconded by JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL and motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON introduced **MR. JAMES L. YOUNGQUIST**, Executive Director of the Institute of Economic Advancement at the University of Arkansas Little Rock. **MR. YOUNGQUIST** addressed the Board and requested their input for the statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) that is being developed with the aid of a grant from the Economic Development Administration and in partnership with the Arkansas Association of Development Organizations.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m. on a motion by **MAYOR SHAWN LANE** and seconded by **MR. BILL WITTY** and motion carried unanimously.

Wes Fowler
Chairman

Date: 6/27/13

Bill Witty
Secretary

Date: 6-27-13

**ANNUAL MEETING
OF
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.**

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 20, 2013

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER called to order the Annual Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:10 a.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at the Durand Conference Center, Harrison, Arkansas.

The following entities of government were represented:

Baxter County

**JUDGE MICKEY PENDERGRASS, BAXTER COUNTY
MAYOR DAVID OSMON, MOUNTAIN HOME
MAYOR PEGGY HAMMACK, COTTER
MAYOR JEFF BRAIM, GASSVILLE**

Benton County

**MAYOR CHARLES LINAM, DECATUR
MAYOR JOHN MARK TUNER, SILOAM SPRINGS**

Boone County

MR. BILL WITTY, HARRISON

Carroll County

**JUDGE SAM BARR, CARROLL COUNTY
MAYOR MORRIS PATE, EUREKA SPRINGS**

Madison County

JUDGE FRANK WEAVER, MADISON COUNTY

Marion County

**JUDGE TERRY OTT, MARION COUNTY
MAYOR SHAWN L. LANE, YELLVILLE**

Newton County

**JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL, NEWTON COUNTY
MR. NEAL GIBSON, WESTERN GROVE**

Searcy County

**JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY, SEARCY COUNTY
MR. JAMES BUSBEE, MARSHALL**

Washington County

MAYOR DOUG SPROUSE, SPRINGDALE

MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, FAYETTEVILLE

MR. RAY M. BOUDREAUX, FAYETTEVILLE

Guests present were:

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Aaron Groen, NATS
Orval Cater, NATS
Robert Mills, NATS
Alta Watson, NATS
Corey Dart, NATS
Kevin Hudson, NATS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON introduced the guests that were present.

CHAIRMAN FOWLER said the next item of business was nomination and election of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc. **JUDGE SAM BARR** nominated **MAYOR MORRIS PATE** of Eureka Springs to the Board from Carroll County. The Board voted unanimously to approve the nomination.

CHAIRMAN FOWLER said the next item of business was the nomination of Officers of the Board of Directors. **MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP** nominated **MR. WES FOWLER** as Chairman, **MR. RAY ROUDREAU** as Vice-Chairman, and **MR. BILL WITTY** as Secretary and **JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY** as Treasurer. **MR. NEAL GIBSON** seconded the nomination of Officers and motion was approved.

Minutes of the March 28, 2012 Annual Meeting were presented and approved on motion by **MR. BILL WITTY**, seconded by **MAYOR DOUG SPROUSE**, motion unanimously carried.

CHAIRMAN FOWLER called on **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON** to introduce the staff from the University of Arkansas Little Rock (UALR), Institute for Economic Advancement (IEA) to present the Board the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) for Arkansas being developed by the regions and obtain the input of the NWAEDD Board for the report and study.

CHIARMAN FOWLER called on **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON** to present the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District 2012 Report. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON** reported to the Board of Directors the activities and achievements along with financials of the District for fiscal year 2012.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON informed the Board its June, 2013 meeting date conflicted with the Arkansas County Judges' and the Arkansas Municipal League. Following a discussion of the Board, the date of Tuesday, June 18, 2013 was proposed. **JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY** made a motion to move the Board meeting to Tuesday, June 18, 2013.

Motion was seconded by MAYOR SHAWN LANE and approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m., on motion by MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP and seconded by MR. NEIL GIBSON, motion unanimously carried.



Chairman

Date: 3-19-14



Secretary

Date: 3-19-14