ANNUAL MEETING
OF
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 19, 2014

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER called to order the Annual Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at the Durand Conference Center, Harrison, Arkansas.

The following entities of government were represented:

Baxter County
JUDGE MICKEY PENDERGRASS, BAXTER COUNTY

Boone County
MR. BILL WITTY, HARRISON

Carroll County
JUDGE SAM BARR, CARROLL COUNTY
MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY, BERRYVILLE
MAYOR MORRIS PATE, EUREKA SPRINGS

Madison County
JUDGE FRANK WEAVER, MADISON COUNTY
MR. WES FOWLER, MADISON COUNTY

Marion County
JUDGE TERRY OTT, MARION COUNTY

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

Searcy County
MAYOR JOHN HENLEY, ST. JOE
MR. JAMES BUSBEE, MARSHALL

Washington County
MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, FAYETTEVILLE
MAYOR DOUG SPROUSE, SPRINGDALE
MR. RAY M. BOUDREAUX, FAYETTEVILLE
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Guests present were:

Mayor Charles Linam, Decatur  
James Boston, Decatur  
Mayor Jeff Braim, Gassville  
Glenna Booth, Eureka Springs  
Stetson C. Painter, Senator John Boozman’s Office  
J. Michael Norton, NWAEDD  
Mike Galligan, NWAEDD  
Kaye Taylor, NWAEDD  
Eddie Treece, NWAEDD  
Janie Wheeler, NWAEDD  
Jay Stallard, NWAEDD  
Jo Anna Cartwright, 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. No nominations were presented at this time.

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 ROUDREAUX as Vice-Chairman, and MR. BILL WITTY as Secretary and JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHHEY as Treasurer. MR. NEAL GIBSON seconded the nomination of Officers and motion was approved.

Minutes of the March 20, 2013 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 present the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District 2013 Report. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON reported to the Board of Directors the activities and achievements along with financials of the District for fiscal year 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m., on motion by MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP and seconded by MR. NEIL GIBSON, motion unanimously carried.

Chairman

Date: 3/18/15

Secretary

Date: 3-18-15
CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER called to order the Board of Directors’ Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at the Durand Conference Center, Harrison, Arkansas.

Board Members present were:

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Newton County
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Searcy County
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Mike Galligan, NWAEDD
Eddie Treece, NWAEDD
Janie Wheeler, NWAEDD
Jay Stallard, NWAEDD
Jo Anna Cartwright, NWAEDD
Kaye Curtis, NWAEDD

Minutes of the September 18, 2013 meeting were presented and approved on motion by MR. RAY BOUDREAUX, seconded by MR. JAMES BUSBEE, motion unanimously carried.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER offered the Locality Contribution Reports that were included in the Board packets. CHAIRMAN FOWLER stated the reports are for information purposes only. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON reported Siloam Springs had sent in their membership and would be added to the report.

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

Regional Clearinghouse Resolutions Number 3026 through 3033 were presented and discussed by EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON:

RESOLUTION NO. 3026 – CITY OF BULL SHOALS – IMPROVEMENTS TO PARK FACILITIES AT BROWN’S BEACH/POINT RETURN.

RESOLUTION NO. 3027 – HEALTH RESOURCES OF ARKANSAS – REGIONAL PREVENTION PROVIDER IN COUNTIES OF BAXTER, BOONE, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY, CLEBURNE, FULTON, IZARD, INDEPENDENCE, JACKSON, SHARP, STONE, VAN BUREN, WHITE AND WOODRUFF.

RESOLUTION NO. 3028 – NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC., PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 FOR THE COUNTIES OF BAXTER, BENTON, BOONE, CARROLL, MADISON, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY AND WASHINGTON.
RESOLUTION NO. 3029 – NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC., APPLICATION FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT ADULT PROGRAM WILL INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO ADULTS: CORE, INTENSIVE AND TRAINING SERVICES IN BAXTER, BENTON, BOONE, CARROLL, MADISON, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES.

RESOLUTION NO. 3030 – NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC., APPLICATION FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUNDING TO OPERATE THE DISLOCATED WORKERS PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE SERVICES TO ADULTS: CORE, INTENSIVE AND TRAINING IN BAXTER, BENTON, BOONE, CARROLL, MADISON, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES.

RESOLUTION NO. 3031 – NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC., APPLICATION FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT – NATIONAL EMERGENCY GRANT (NEG) – TO CREATE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT TO ASSIST WITH CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES FROM STORMS AND FLOODING IN BENTON, BOONE, CARROLL, MADISON, MARION, AND NEWTON COUNTIES THAT OCCURRED FROM AUGUST 8, 2013 – AUGUST 14, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 3032 – NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC., APPLICATION FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT – NATIONAL EMERGENCY GRANT (NEG) – TO CREATE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT TO ASSIST WITH CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES FROM SEVERE WINTER STORMS IN MARION, SEARCY, MADISON AND NEWTON COUNTIES IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS.

RESOLUTION NO. 3033 – NORTHWEST REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY – MUTUAL SELF-HOUSING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 33 HOMES IN THE AREAS OF BAXTER, BOONE, CARROLL, MADISON, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY, FULTON, IZARD AND STONE COUNTIES IN ARKANSAS. NORTHWEST REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES USING SWEAT EQUITY AS A DOWN PAYMENT.

Motion to approve Regional Clearinghouse Resolutions No. 3026 and 3033 was made by MR. BILL WITTY and seconded by JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL and motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated the next order of business would be consideration of the NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (GIF) grant applications. A list of NWAEDD GIF applications approved by the Board and Clearinghouse to date were presented. New project applications 203 through 215 were submitted to the Board for consideration and approval.
After discussion and review of the General Improvement Fund grant applications by the board, MAYOR JOHN HENLEY made a motion to approve the GIF applications; motion was seconded by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER. Motion to approve passed. MAYOR TIM McKinney abstained.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated the next order of business would be consideration of RESOLUTION NO. 3034. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON presented information on the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 3034 – 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. 3034 was made by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER and seconded by JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL and motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated the next order of business would be consideration of RESOLUTION NO. 3035. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON presented a resolution for the EEO Compliance Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 3035 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDING OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM FOR THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 3035 was made by MAYOR TIM McKinney and seconded by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER and motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated the next business item was the NORHTWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, Independent Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements for 2012 by BKD, LLP CPA’s & Advisors.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON presented the Audit and explained that NWAEDD had received the Audit from BKD on March 13, 2014. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON went through the Audit Financial pages and noted two findings. The District’s response was noted in the audit for corrective action as advised by the Auditors. The Board reviewed the Auditor Report and posed a number of questions.

MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY made a motion to approve the Independent Auditor’s Report and Financial Statement, seconded by MAYOR MORRIS PATE. Motion was approved unanimously.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated the next business item was the Aging Services Contract with Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Arkansas, Resolution No. 3036.
CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER informed the Board the Executive Committee had met Wednesday, March 12, 2014 with the NWAEDD District Attorney present to discuss the Aging program. He said no action was taken in the Executive Committee meeting. The CHAIRMAN asked EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON to present information about the program to the Board and stated he expected the Board to go into Executive session.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON presented information to the Board of cost with Springfield Grocer Company that had been charged by the 12 centers ordering food. The bills had not been paid by the Finance Department due to the lack of funds available to cover cost. That had accumulated to a large bill with Springfield Grocer Company of more than Four-Hundred Thousand Dollars in food cost and the grocer company had added interest of one and one-half percent interest for accounts over thirty days. That has accrued into an accounts payable of more than Five Hundred and Twenty Thousand dollars through February. The bills had been held waiting for funds to pay the statements and had not been entered into the MIP system. Accounts payable did not reflect the outstanding debt.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON informed the Board that he and MS. TAYLOR met with Springfield Grocer Company representatives and they were willing work with the District to address the bill. They met with the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Arkansas as well. The letter issued to the Board from Executive Director Mitchell to the NWAEDD Board expressing concern about the Springfield Grocer Company bill and demanding $83,000 to be disbursed to the AAANWA Foundation for the Springdale Senior Activity and Wellness Center. Those funds had been declared to be donations made to the Springdale building expansion project.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON stated the immediate concern was the Springfield Grocer Company statement because the interest rate they had not originally added was killing us. He said the only fund available to the District to pay them was GIF grant funds if used for the centers food cost. The Board discussed the GIF monies issued to NWAEDD by the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration was the responsibility of the Board of Directors to administer and approved grants for community and economic development projects in Arkansas. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON informed the Board that it had not taken any of the GIF money to use for administration of the program which the state allows and does.

Motion was made by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER to give the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Arkansas fifteen days notice canceling the current contract, use GIF money to satisfy the Springfield Grocer Company indebtedness and use GIF funds needed to replenish the Springdale building expansion fund to get the Aging Program solvent, and all future GIF grants will require the full board review and approval. JUDGE PENDERGRASS seconded the motion.

As JUDGE WEAVER was making his motion, suggested wording was coming from other members of the board members in the room. CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER expressed concern that there might be some confusion and said he would repeat the motion as he understood it.
CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated the motion on the floor was "A MOTION TO GIVE THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS A 15 DAY NOTICE CANCELING THE CURRENT CONTRACT, USE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (GIF) FUNDS TO SATISFY THE SPRINGFIELD GROCER COMPANY INDEBTEDNESS, USE GIF FUNDS TO REPLÉNISH THE SPRINGDALE BUILDING EXPANSION FUND TO GET THE AGING PROGRAM SOLVENT, AND THAT ALL FUTURE GIF GRANTS WILL REQUIRE FULL BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL."

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER asked if everyone understood the motion before them.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER asked if there was any further discussion.

The motion by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER and second by JUDGE PENDERGRASS passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER called for the Board to go into executive session. A motion was made by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER to go into executive session, seconded by JUDGE TERRY OTT. Motion was approved.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER called the Board back into session following the Executive session. CHAIRMAN FOWLER stated that no action was taken in Executive session by the Board of Directors.

CHAIRMAN FOWLER stated consideration of Resolution No. 3036, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NWAEDD TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR FUNDING OF TITLE IIIB, TITLE III C, SSBG, STATE CIGARETTE TAX, MEDICAID, NSIP, STATE SENIOR CENTER, ADULT DAY CARE: STATE AGING SERVICES, TITLE III E, SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAMS IN BAXTER, BOONE MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015.

MAYOR JOHN HENLEY made a motion to disapprove Resolution No. 3036, motion seconded by MR. RAY BOUDREAUX. Motion to disapprove passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated it was a long meeting and he thanked everyone for staying and working through the agenda. He thanked the staff for their good work and said the staff is appreciated. He stated it is a big organization that brought in lots of programs serving a big part of the state.
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There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. on a motion by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER and seconded by MR. RAY BOUDREAUX and motion carried unanimously.

[Signature]
Chairman Wes Fowler

[Signature]
Secretary Bill Witty

Date: 7/10/14

Date: 7-10-14
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING

APRIL 16, 2014

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER called to order the Board of Directors’ Special Called Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:10 a.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at the NWAEDD Conference Room, Harrison, Arkansas.

Board Members present were:

**Baxter County**

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

**Boone County**

  MAYOR JEFF CROCKETT, HARRISON
  MR. BILL WITTY, HARRISON

**Carroll County**

  JUDGE SAM BARR, CARROLL COUNTY
  MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY, BERRYVILLE

**Madison County**

  JUDGE FRANK WEAVER, MADISON COUNTY
  MR. WES FOWLER, MADISON COUNTY

**Marion County**

  JUDGE TERRY OTT, MARION COUNTY
  MAYOR SHAWN LANE, YELLMVILLE

**Newton County**

  MR. NEAL GIBSON, WESTERN GROVE

**Searcy County**

  MAYOR JOHN HENLEY, ST. JOE

**Washington County**

  MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, FAYETTEVILLE
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Guests present were:

Karen Hopper, State Representative
Frank Wallis, Baxter Bulletin
Kevin Pieper, Baxter Bulletin
J. Michael Norton, NWAEDD
Mike Galligan, NWAEDD
Eddie Treece, NWAEDD
Jay Stallard, NWAEDD
Libby Robinson, NWAEDD

Minutes of the March 19, 2014 meeting were presented and approved on motion by MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, seconded by MR. BILL WITTY, motion passed. MAYOR DAVID OSMON abstained.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER opened the meeting for discussion of planning and performing from the audit of the financial statements of Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District.

JUDGE MICKEY PENDERGRASS opened audit discussions asking EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON if he had any information or had heard about the actions and activities at the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Arkansas Board meeting held on April 15, 2014. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON stated he had no information concerning the AANWA board meeting.

Question was asked if Area Agency on Aging was going to audit the Aging Program. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON said they had indicated they would ask BKD to audit just the Senior Services program.

The question was asked if BKD audited NWAEDD and Area Agency on Aging of NWA books. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON stated that BKD did conduct the audit of both agencies the previous year.

Question was asked would Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Arkansas pay for the auditing of NWAEDD Aging Program. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON said they had stated that AANWA will pay BKD for the Audit.

JUDGE MICKEY PENDERGRASS stated he had a letter of request for a Legislative Audit of NWAEDD. He also asked for a resolution of support from the NWAEDD Board Members. MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY asked if we had enough findings for a legislative audit for 2012.
JUDGE MICKEY PENDERGRASS asked CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER with your background and experience do you feel like the Legislature would support a Legislative Audit.

JUDGE TERRY OTT did not want to cast judgment, but felt proceeding with a Legislative Audit would clear the air and result in continued donations for the Senior Centers.

Motion was made by MAYOR JEFF CROCKETT for JUDGE MICKEY PENDERGRASS to proceed with his Legislative Audit request. Motion seconded by JUDGE TERRY OTT.

In discussion MR. BILL WITTY asked JUDGE MICKEY PENDERGRASS to read his letter.

MAYOR JOHN HENLEY expressed concerns that there had been discussions outside board meetings and some of those discussions may have involved statements from the past Executive Session.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated subjects discussed in Executive Session have not been brought up in this meeting.

Motion for JUDGE MICKEY PENDERGRASS to proceed with his request for a legislative audit passed unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m. on a motion by MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY and seconded by MAYOR DAVID OSMON and motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Wes Fowler
Date: 7/10/14

Secretary Bill Witty
Date: 7-10-14
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING

JUNE 25, 2014

VICE CHAIRMAN RAY BOUDREAUX called to order the Board of Directors’ Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2014, 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, MOUNTAIN HOME

Boone County
JUDGE JAMES NORTON, BOONE COUNTY
MAYOR JEFF CROCKETT, HARRISON
MR. BILL WITTY, HARRISON

Carroll County
JUDGE SAM BARR, CARROLL COUNTY
MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY, BERRYVILLE
MAYOR MORRIS PATE, EUREKA SPRINGS

Madison County
JUDGE FRANK WEAVER, MADISON COUNTY

Marion County
JUDGE TERRY OTT, MARION COUNTY

Newton County
JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL, NEWTON COUNTY
MR. NEAL GIBSON, WESTERN GROVE
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Searcy County
JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY, SEARCY COUNTY
MAYOR JOHN HENLEY, ST. JOE
MR. JAMES BUSBEE, MARSHALL

Washington County
MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHP, WASHINGTON COUNTY
MR. RAY M. BOUDREAUX, FAYETTEVILLE

Guests present were:

Karen Hopper, State Representative
Debra Hobbs, State Representative
Scott Flippo, Senator Elect District 17
Stetson Painter, Senator Boozman’s Office
Glenna Booth, Eureka Springs
Diane Wilkerson, Eureka Springs
Donnie Davis, Newton County
J. Michael Norton, NWAEDD
Janie Wheeler, NWAEDD
Mike Galligan, NWAEDD
Eddie Treece, NWAEDD
Jay Stallard, NWAEDD
Joanna Cartwright, NWAEDD
Debbie Davidson, NWAEDD
Libby Robinson, NWAEDD

VICE CHAIRMAN RAY BOUDREAUX called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Guests were recognized and introduced.

Minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting were presented and approved on motion by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER, seconded by JUDGE JAMES NORTON, motion unanimously carried.

VICE CHAIRMAN RAY BOUDREAUX offered the Locality Contribution Report that was included in the Board packets. JUDGE MICKEY PENDERGRASS wanted to know how the locality contributions amounts were set. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON reported the District Board had not changed the Local Contribution structure since 1972. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON said he would contact the other seven Development Districts and report back to the Board.

VICE CHAIRMAN RAY BOUDREAUX said the review of the Regional Clearinghouse Resolutions was the next item of business.
Regional Clearinghouse Resolutions No. 3037-3041 were presented and discussed by EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON:

RESOLUTION NO. 3037 – MADISON COUNTY HEALTH COALITION – USING THE STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK TO PREVENT UNDERAGE DRINKING AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IN MADISON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

RESOLUTION NO. 3038 – MADISON COUNTY HEALTH COALITION – YOUTH LEADING THE WAY TO PREVENTION OF UNDERAGE DRINKING IN MADISON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

RESOLUTION NO. 3039 – NWAEDD, INC. – WIA – THE WIA ADULT PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO ADULTS: CORE, INTENSIVE AND TRAINING. (COUNTRIES OF BAXTER, BENTON, BOONE, CARROLL, MADISON, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY AND WASHINGTON)

RESOLUTION NO. 3040 – NWAEDD, INC. – WIA – THE WIA DISLOCATED WORKERS PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO ADULTS: CORE, INTENSIVE AND TRAINING. (COUNTRIES OF BAXTER, BENTON, BOONE, CARROLL, MADISON, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY AND WASHINGTON)

RESOLUTION NO. 3041 – NWAEDD, INC. – WIA – THE WIA YOUTH PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION SERVICES AND WORK EXPERIENCE TO ELIGIBLE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED YOUTH AGES: 14-21. (COUNTRIES OF BAXTER, BENTON, BOONE, CARROLL, MADISON, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY AND WASHINGTON)

Motion to approve Regional Clearinghouse Resolution No. 3037-3041 was made by MAYOR MORRIS PATE and seconded by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER and motion carried unanimously.

VICE CHAIRMAN RAY BOUDREAUX stated the next order of business would be consideration of RESOLUTION NO. 3042. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON presented information on the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 3042 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE DISTRICT'S FIVE YEAR COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 3042 was made by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER and seconded by MR. NEAL GIBSON and motion carried unanimously.
VICE-CHAIRMAN RAY BOUDREAU said the next order of business was the NWAEDD Financial and Statistical Report. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON introduced JOHN B. ERVIN, CPA, as Interim Chief Financial Officer for NWAEDD. MR. ERVIN addressed the Board and questions.

VICE-CHAIRMAN RAY BOUDREAU said the review of General Improvement Grant applications submitted to NWAEDD was the next order of business.

Motion was made by JUDGE TERRY OTT to Table GIF Application No. 217, Remove No. 218, 224 and 268. Motion was seconded by MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY, and passed.

After review and discussion of the GIF applications, JUDGE FRANK WEAVER made a motion to approve the General Improvement Fund applications presented that had not been tabled or removed. JUDGE TERRY OTT seconded the motion. The motion was approved. MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY abstained.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON informed the Board NWAEDD was working with the Arkansas Energy Office on the Compressed Natural Gas (Act 900) GIF grant funds. Do to the timing it might be necessary to get the GIF grant funds approve quickly. Following discussion MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHP made a motion to allow electronic review of CNG funds if needed. Motion was seconded by MAYOR MORRIS PATE. Motion was approved.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m. on a motion by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHLEY and seconded by JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL and motion carried unanimously.

\[\text{Date: 9.17.14}\]

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Wes Fowler
Chairman

Bill Witty
Secretary
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

PROJECT LIST 2013-2014
START: 216 THROUGH 268 (CNG)

APPLICANT: CITY OF GRAVETTE, WATER DEPARTMENT
PROJECT: UPGRADE WATERLINE TO RESIDENTS AREA FROM 2" GALVANIZED TO 6" C900 PVC & FIRE HYDRANT.
GRANT REQUEST: $33,267.00
GRANT NUMBER: 02-216-04-14
ACT 642 - SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: NORTHWEST DISTRICT FAIR ASSOCIATION
PROJECT: HEAT AND AIR CONDITIONING IN TWO (2) MAIN BUILDINGS USED FOR EDUCATIONAL EVENTS.
GRANT REQUEST: $25,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 98-217-04-14
NO SUPPORTING REPRESENTATIVE

APPLICANT: CITY OF LEAD HILL
PROJECT: ACQUIRE TWO (2) NEW POLICE CARS
GRANT REQUEST: $63,736.00
GRANT NUMBER: 99-218-04-14
NO SUPPORTING REPRESENTATIVE

APPLICANT: THE DAVID AND BARBARA PRYOR CENTER FOR ARKANSAS ORAL AND VISUAL HISTORY
PROJECT: ACQUIRE EQUIPMENT USED TO RECORD ON SITE INTERVIEWS OF ARKANSAN'S.
GRANT REQUEST: $5,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 84-219-04-14
ACT 742 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT

APPLICANT: BOONE COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM
PROJECT: SAFETY PROJECT OF FIRE ESCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AND MARKINGS.
GRANT REQUEST: $3,500.00
GRANT NUMBER: 98-220-04-14
ACT 742 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT

APPLICANT: CITY OF NORFORK
PROJECT: REPLACE AIR CONDITIONING UNIT AT THE NORFORK AREA YOUTH CENTER IN HISTORIC BUILDING.
GRANT REQUEST: $10,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 18-221-04-14
ACT 793 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR
APPLICANT: MADISON COUNTY FAIR BOARD
PROJECT: REPLACE POWER POLE FOR LIGHTING; AIR CONDITIONING FOR CONCESSION FACILITY: GATES AT AREA.
GRANT REQUEST: $6,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 05-222-04-14
ACT 856 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: TOWN OF CHESTER
PROJECT: PAVILION FOR A FARMERS MARKET
GRANT REQUEST: $4,315.00
GRANT NUMBER: 81-223-04-14
ACT 742 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT

APPLICANT: SHILOH SCHOOLS
PROJECT: TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR COACHES AND PLAYERS.
GRANT REQUEST: $10,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 07-224-04-14
ACT 643 - SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: BOHANNAN MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
PROJECT: MAJOR REPAIR ON 4,000 GALLON TANKER TRUCK
GRANT REQUEST: $5,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 05-225-04-14
ACT 856 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: BAXTER COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
PROJECT: REPAVING AND STRIPING OF THE MAIN HANDICAPPED PARKING WITH/ AR DEPT. OF RURAL SERVICES.
GRANT REQUEST: $4,540.00 (ADRS - $15,000.00, TOTAL PROJECT $19,540.00)
GRANT NUMBER: 17-226-04-14
ACT 837F & 742 – SENATE AND REPRESENTATIVE SUPPORT

APPLICANT: UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM EVERSITY
PROJECT: SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF A FULLY ONLINE COURSE AS PART OF CURRICULUM FOR U OF A SYSTEM.
GRANT REQUEST: $10,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 90-227-04-14
ACT 742 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT

APPLICANT: BELLA VISTA AMERICAN LEGION POST 341
PROJECT: SUPPORT HONOR GUARD IN WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA FOR UNIFORMS AND EXPENSES.
GRANT REQUEST: $10,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 02-228-04-14
ACT 643 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: FEED COMMUNITIES, INC.
PROJECT: CONTINUE DOING BUSINESS AND COMPLETE THE BUILDING DESIGN DEVELOPMENT TO CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.
GRANT REQUEST: $25,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 86-229-04-14
ACT 742 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT
APPLICANT: Welcome Home Volunteer Fire Department
PROJECT: Replace three doors on fire station to access and respond in the event of an emergency.
GRANT REQUEST: $16,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 83-230-04-14
ACT 742 – Supported by Representative in District

APPLICANT: City of Pea Ridge
PROJECT: Library improvements ($25,000) and City Hall software and security for Police Dept. ($10,000)
GRANT REQUEST: $35,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 03-231-04-14
ACT 643 – Supported by Senate Sponsor

APPLICANT: Aviation Cadet Museum, Inc.
PROJECT: Construct rails and stairs to entry way in Museum.
GRANT REQUEST: $1,900.00
GRANT NUMBER: 97-232-04-14
ACT 742 – Supported by Representative in District

APPLICANT: Benton County
PROJECT: Acquire equipment and furniture for satellite office of County Assessor and Collectors
GRANT REQUEST: $30,000.00 (30,000)
GRANT NUMBER: 03-233-08-14
ACT 643 – Supported by Senate Sponsor

APPLICANT: Lowell Elementary PTA
PROJECT: Playground equipment that will serve children with disabilities and students K thru 2nd grade.
GRANT REQUEST: $30,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 03-234-04-14
ACT 643 – Supported by Senate Sponsor

APPLICANT: Northwest Arkansas Mercy Family YMCA
PROJECT: Acquire health & wellness equip., preschool, after school, summer camp day-camp equip.
GRANT REQUEST: $2,500.00
GRANT NUMBER: 93-235-04-14
ACT 742 – Supported by Representative in District

APPLICANT: Arkansas State Highway Commission
PROJECT: New generation snow and ice removal truck for Benton County.
GRANT REQUEST: $200,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 87-236-04-14
ACT 742 – Supported by Representative in District

APPLICANT: City of Fayetteville – Street Dept.
PROJECT: Snow equipment parts replacement and Snow Plow replacement.
GRANT REQUEST: $34,500.00 (Supported from Act Sponsor)
GRANT NUMBER: 84-237-04-14
ACT 742 – Supported by Representative in District
APPLICANT: MADISON COUNTY
PROJECT: WHARTON CREEK COMMUNITY BUILDING RESTROOMS AND KITCHEN PROJECT
Grant Request: 12,850.00
Grant Number: 05-238-05-14
ACT 856 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY AT MOUNTAIN HOME
PROJECT: EQUIPMENT TO OUTFIT INSTRUCTION & TRAINING IN WELDING, HEATING, VENTILATION AC, AUTO REPAIR
Grant Request: 241,559.00
Grant Number: 100-239-5-14
ACT 742 & 837F – SUPPORT BY REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR

APPLICANT: VALLEY SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
PROJECT: ISO REQUIRED PUMPER FIRE TRUCK
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 83-240-05-14
ACT 742 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT

APPLICANT: THE CALL IN BENTON AND WASHINGTON COUNTY
PROJECT: INCREASE THE NUMBER OF QUALITY FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES
Grant Request: $50,000.00
Grant Number: 02-241-05-14
ACT 642 - SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
PROJECT: TOURISM – WAY-FINDING BANNERS IN THE DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT
Grant Request: 14,900
Grant Number: 05-242-05-14
ACT 856 & 742 – SUPPORT BY SENATE & REPRESENTATIVE

APPLICANT: AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS
PROJECT: LINCOLN SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER OPERATING COST.
Grant Request: $15,000.00
Grant Number: 02-243-05-14
ACT 642 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS
PROJECT: PRAIRIE GROVE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER – HOT SHOT TRUCK FOR HOME DELIVERED MEALS.
Grant Request: $40,000.00
Grant Number: 02-244-05-14
ACT 642 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: ECONOMICS ARKANSAS
PROJECT: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR NORTHWEST ARKANSAS TEACHERS IN NINE COUNTIES.
Grant Request: $25,000.00
Grant Number: 94-245-05-14
ACT 742 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPONSOR
APPLICANT: Office of Human Concern
PROJECT: Siloam Springs Senior Activity Center
GRANT REQUEST: $15,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 02-246-05-14
ACT 642 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: Office of Human Concern
PROJECT: Gravette – Billy V. Hall Senior Activity Center Repair Storm Damage to Roof.
GRANT REQUEST: $15,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 02-247-05-14
ACT 642 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: Office of Human Concern
PROJECT: Gentry Senior Activity Center – Hot Shot Truck.
GRANT REQUEST: $30,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 02-248-05-14
ACT 642 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: Northwest Technical Institute (NTI)
PROJECT: Two surgical clinical beds for Surgical Technology Program
GRANT REQUEST: $10,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 95-249-05-14
ACT 742 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT

APPLICANT: Northwest Technical Institute (NTI)
PROJECT: Lift system for Diesel and Truck Technology Program
GRANT REQUEST: $30,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 04-250-05-14
ACT 819 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: Northwest Technical Institute (NTI)
PROJECT: Exhaust After Treatment Package for the Diesel and Truck Technology Program
GRANT REQUEST: $14,035.00
GRANT NUMBER: 91-251-05-14
ACT 742 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT

APPLICANT: Northwest Technical Institute (NTI)
PROJECT: Welding machine for the Welding Technology Program
GRANT NUMBER: $10,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 94-252-05-14
ACT 742 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT

APPLICANT: Marble Volunteer Fire Department
PROJECT: Training Room
GRANT REQUEST: $2,500.00
GRANT NUMBER: 05-253-05-14
ACT 742 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR
APPLICANT: CITY OF BETHEL HEIGHTS
PROJECT: COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
GRANT REQUEST: $10,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 03-254-05-14

ACT 643 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: SEARCY COUNTY
PROJECT: EQUIPMENT (BASKETBALL) FOR SEARCY COUNTY CIVIC CENTER
GRANT REQUEST: $5,600.00
GRANT NUMBER: 83-255-05-14

ACT 742 - SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT

APPLICANT: REA VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
PROJECT: HELP REPLACE FIRE ENGINE 1 WHICH WAS A TOTAL WRECK AFTER A CONCRETE CULVERT COLLAPSED AT FIRE.
GRANT REQUEST: $17,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 99-256-05-14

ACT 742 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT

APPLICANT: JAPTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
PROJECT: ACQUIRE 12 SETS OF WILDLAND FIGHTING GEAR FOR FIRE FIGHTERS
GRANT REQUEST: $3,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 05-257-05-14

ACT 856 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: ELIZABETH RICHARDSON CENTER
PROJECT: OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER FOR CHILDREN OF WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY OR DELAY.
GRANT REQUEST: $1,500.00
GRANT NUMBER: 05-258-05-14

ACT 856 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: ST. PAUL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
PROJECT: HELP DEVELOP A SUBSTATION TO INCREASE RESPONSE TIME OR ISO RATINGS
GRANT REQUEST: $2,500.00
GRANT NUMBER: 05-259-05-14

ACT 856 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

APPLICANT: SAMARITAN’S FEET OF HOPE, INC.
PROJECT: PROVIDE 1,000 CHILDREN IN NORTHWEST AR WITH SHOE FOR THE BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT.
GRANT REQUEST: $5,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 89-260-05-14

ACT 742 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT

APPLICANT: SILOAM SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PROJECT: THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL DEVELOP A MARKETING INITIATIVE.
GRANT REQUEST: $4,750.00
GRANT NUMBER: 84-261-05-14

ACT 742 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT
APPLICANT: NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
PROJECT: ACQUIRE A Z-Corp 3D PRINTER FOR MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.
GRANT REQUEST: $20,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 92-262-05-14

APPLICANT: St. Francis House NWA, Inc. (dba: Community Clinic)
PROJECT: ACQUIRE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR OPERATION OF 2 SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTERS IN SPRINGDALE
GRANT REQUEST: $24,870.00
GRANT NUMBER: 86-263-05-14

APPLICANT: City of Big Flat - Water Department
PROJECT: ACQUIRE NEW WATER SYSTEM PUMP FOR BIG FLAT WATER DEPARTMENT 210 CUSTOMERS.
GRANT REQUEST: $5,000.00 (Project Cost = $26,381.57)
GRANT NUMBER: 18-264-05-14

APPLICANT: Northwest Arkansas Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities
PROJECT: ACQUIRE TECHNOLOGY FOR CLASSROOMS (WHITE BOARDS AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS.
GRANT REQUEST: $10,000.00 (Total Project Cost = $36,491.63)
GRANT NUMBER: 86-266-05-14

APPLICANT: North Arkansas College
PROJECT: Digital Media Program Equipment for Business and IT Student Department
GRANT REQUEST: $25,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 83-266-05-14

APPLICANT: Town of Springtown
PROJECT: DRAINAGE AND STREET REPAIR TO PREVENT FLOODING
GRANT REQUEST: $5,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: 01-267-05-14

APPLICANT: Ecclesia College
PROJECT: 23 ACRE PROPERTY ACQUISITION FOR STUDENT RESIDENCE SPACE.
GRANT REQUEST: $28,500.00
GRANT NUMBER: 84-268-05-14

CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) Project

APPLICANT: Arkansas Energy Office
PROJECT: LOCATE TO CNG STATIONS IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AND VEHICLE CONVERSION.
GRANT REQUEST: $500,000.00
GRANT NUMBER: CNG-01-05-14

ACT 472 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT

ACT 793 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

ACT 472 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT

ACT 643 – SUPPORTED BY SENATE SPONSOR

ACT 472 – SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) IN DISTRICT

ACT 900 – SUPPORTED BY SENATORS SPONSORING BILL
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER called to order the Board of Directors' Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 17, 2014, 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, MOUNTAIN HOME

Boone County
  JUDGE JAMES NORTON, BOONE COUNTY
  MAYOR JEFF CROCKETT, HARRISON
  MR. BILL WITTY, HARRISON

Carroll County
  JUDGE SAM BARR, CARROLL COUNTY
  MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY, BERRYVILLE

Madison County
  JUDGE FRANK WEAVER, MADISON COUNTY
  MR. WES FOWLER, MADISON COUNTY

Marion County
  JUDGE TERRY OTT, MARION COUNTY
  MAYOR SHAWN LANE, YELLVILLE

Newton County
  JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL, NEWTON COUNTY
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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. BOUDREAU, FAYETTEVILLE
MAYOR DOUG SPROUSE, SPRINGDALE

Guests present were:

Gail Inman-Campbell, Attorney for the NWAEDD Board
Sarah Sparkman, Springdale
Buddy Fry, Green Forest
Glenna Booth, Eureka Springs
Diane Wilkerson, Eureka Springs
Joseph Didden, Congressman Rick Crawford’s Office
John Ervin, CPA
Melinda Caldwell, Ozark Mountain Solid Waste District
Teri Garrett, Congressman Womack’s Office
Kyle Weaver, Congressman Womack’s Office
Don Tomlinson, NAC
Frank Wallis, Mountain Home
James White, Harrison Daily Times
J. Michael Norton, NWAEDD
Janie Wheeler, NWAEDD
Mike Galligan, NWAEDD
Eddie Treece, NWAEDD
Jay Stallard, NWAEDD
Joanna Cartwright, NWAEDD
Debbie Davidson, NWAEDD
Libby Robinson, NWAEDD

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Guests were recognized and introduced.

Minutes of the June 25, 2014 meeting were presented and approved on motion by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER, seconded by MR. RAY BOUDREAU, motion unanimously carried.

Next item of business on agenda was Locality Contributions report. No action needed or taken.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER said the review of the Regional Clearinghouse Resolutions was the next item of business.
Regional Clearinghouse Resolutions No. 3043-3047 were presented and discussed by EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON:

RESOLUTION NO. 3043 – CITY OF HUNTSVILLE – THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE PROPERTY THAT IT OWNS DOWNTOWN TO PROVIDE A RECREATIONAL PARK TO THE CITY’S RESIDENTS.

RESOLUTION NO. 3044 – ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION – HILARY JONES ELK EDUCATION CENTER.

RESOLUTION NO. 3045 – ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AGENCY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, INC. – COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT (CSBG). (COUNTIES OF BENTON, CARROLL, MADISON AND WASHINGTON)

RESOLUTION NO. 3046 – OFFICE OF HUMAN CONCERN, INC. – COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG). (COUNTIES OF BENTON, CARROLL AND MADISON)

RESOLUTION NO. 3047 – OZARK OPPORTUNITIES, INC. – COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG). (COUNTIES OF BAXTER, BOONE, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY AND VAN BUREN)

Motion to approve Regional Clearinghouse Resolution No. 3043-3047 was made by MR. BILL WITTY and seconded by JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL and motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER said next item of business was item number 5 on the agenda which was Summons and Complaint against Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., First Federal Bank, and Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality by Ozark Mountain Solid Waste Management District. CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER turned the item of business over to EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NORTON referenced backup material in the board packets and explained the history of $75,000 in Certificate of Deposits (CDs).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON then introduced the District’s Attorney, Gail Inman-Campbell, to explain the District’s legal position in this matter. Ms. Gail Inman-Campbell said she would file a response on behalf of the District denying the allegations made in the complaint and alleging the affirmative defense that the CDs were always the property of and belonged to Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District. She stated that there was a mistake made by First Federal Bank by changing the name on the CDs to Ozark Mountain Solid Waste Management. She stated that First Federal Bank corrected their mistake by changing the name back to the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District and reimbursed District for interest paid wrongly. Therefore at this point between as between First Federal and this board, First Federal has done all in its power to resolve this issue.
Motion by MAYOR DAVID OSMON to transfer the $75,000 to be pledged to ADEQ, with the sole purpose to help pay for baling, placing and covering tires.

Followed by lengthy discussion.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated as chairman of the board we have had plenty of discussion on this issue and I am going to call for the question. CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER asked MAYOR DAVID OSMON to restate his motion.

MAYOR DAVID OSMON made the motion was that $75,000.00 be transferred to ADEQ with the sole purpose to help pay for the bailing, placing and covering of the excess tires on top of the ground in Baxter County to the specification provided by ADEQ and that based on the condition upon the Ozark Mountain Solid Waste dismissing their lawsuit against Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District with prejudice and that to hold harmless the Economic Development District from any further liability as it relates to the Solid Waste Tire Program. Motion was seconded JUDGE MICKEY PENDERGRASS. JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHNEY asked to have a roll call vote. CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated that he was going to do it as a show of hands not yeah or nay. CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER asked for all of those in favor of the motion raise your hand.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER said there were 16 hands raised.

MS. GAIL INMAN-CAMPBELL, "I'm a just in case kind of girl and I will file a motion to extend our time to answer to the suit by an additional 30 days."

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER said the review of General Improvement Grant applications submitted to NWAEDD was the next order of business.

Motion was made by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHNEY to approve the tabled application from the last board of directors meeting, for the Northwest District Fair Association. Motion was seconded by JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL, and motion passed.

Motion was made by MAYOR DOUG SPROUSE to approve the GIF application that was resubmitted from Ecclesia College. Motion was seconded by MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY. CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated the ayes have it.

After review and discussion of the GIF applications, JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHNEY made a motion to approve the General Improvement Fund applications presented. JUDGE JAMES NORTON seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated the next order of business would be consideration of RESOLUTIONS NO. 3048 AND 3049. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON presented information on the resolutions.
RESOLUTION NO. 3048 -- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC., TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUATION OF FUNDING OF THE NORTH ARKANSAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (NATS) PROGRAM IN BAXTER, BOONE, CARROLL, FULTON, IZARD, MADISON, MARION, NEWTON AND SEARCY COUNTIES, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 3048 was made by MR. BILL WITTY and seconded by MR. WAYNE BLANKENSIP and motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 3049 -- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC., TO USE LOCAL FUNDS TO MATCH WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, FOR FUNDING FOR THE EDA PLANNING GRANT.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 3049 was made by JUDGE JAMES NORTON and seconded by MR. RAY BOUDREAU and motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER said the next order of business was the NWAEDD Financial and Statistical Report. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE NORTON introduced JOHN B. ERVIN, CPA, as Interim Chief Financial Officer for NWAEDD. MR. ERVIN addressed the Board and questions.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER, “the next item of business was placed on the agenda because I was requested to do so and I’m not sure if that request is still needed.”

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER asked for motion to go into executive session. MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY made the motion to go into executive session and seconded by JUDGE TERRY OTT. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER asked for a motion to come out of executive session. Motion to come out of executive session was made by JUDGE TERRY OTT and seconded by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCEY. Motion carried. CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER, “we are out of executive session.”

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER said, “Do I hear any motion of any items to take any actions of the items that were discussed in executive session.” MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY asked that the board ask MR. NORTON for immediately resignation. CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER said we have a motion of the floor, do I hear a second. Motion seconded by JUDGE TERRY OTT.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER asked if there was any discussion. CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated hearing none all those in favor say aye, all opposed say nay.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER rules the aye have it.
CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated that it has been asked that we have your immediate resignation.

MR. MIKE NORTON stated, “You certainly may have it. The business of this organization is more important than any one person or situation. I do not want to stand in the way of progress or the future of this organization.”

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER asked the board if there was any further action. MR. BILL WITTY made the motion to go into executive session. Motion was seconded by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER. Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated do I hear a motion to come out of executive session. Motion by JUDGE TERRY OTT seconded by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCEY, motion passed.

JUDGE JAMES NORTON made a motion that CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER assume the responsibilities and duties of the executive director until there is an interim or appointed or director employed by this board, including signing checks and everything that needs to be done. He then added at the same pay scale as the executive director.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated, “I have no intention of applying for this position nor do I want reimbursement in the form of salary, or to be interim director. However, whoever I would ask that I be reimbursed only for expenses that accrue during this tenure.”

Motion by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCEY to have the Executive Committee start looking for an interim executive director and start a search for a director, contingent upon board approval, seconded by JUDGE JAMES NORTON. Motion carries.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m. on a motion by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCEY and seconded by JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL and motion carried unanimously.

Wes Fowler
Chairman

Bill Witty
Secretary

Date: 9-26-14
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

PROJECTS LIST 2013-2014
APPLICATIONS 269 THROUGH 307
COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) 02 & 03

Tabled:

Applicant: Northwest District Fair Association
Project: Heat and Air Conditioning in two (2) main buildings used for educational events.
Grant Request: $15,000.00
Grant Number: 98-217-04-14  Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Re-Submitted (At request of supporting Arkansas Legislative members)

Applicant: Ecclesia College
Project: 23 Acre property Acquisition for student residence space
Grant Request: $91,500.00
Grant Number: 84-268-05-14  Act 643 & 742 – Support by Senate and Representatives

New:

Applicant: Rock Ridge Rider Riding Club
Project: Acquire equipment to maintain grounds – Tractor/Mower.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 97-269-08-14  Act 856 & 742 – Supported by Senate and Representative

Applicant: Madison County
Project: Storage facility for public documents and voting equipment storage.
Grant Request: $6,285.00
Grant Number: 05-270-08-14  Act 856 – Supported by Senate Bill Sponsor

Applicant: Omaha Rural Fire Association, Inc.
Project: Acquire property to construct fire station in Southern Fire District area to lower ISO and safety.
Grant Request: $6,500.00
Grant Number: 99-271-08-14  Act 742 – Supported by Representative in District
Applicant: Springdale Kiwanis Club
Project: Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Baseball program/Books for Kids/Life Skills for special needs adults.
Grant Request: $15,000.00
Grant Number: 89-272-08-14

Act 742 – Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Benton County Sheriff’s Office
Project: Equip and supply uniforms for the (11) members of the Chaplin Division of the BCSO.
Grant Request: $15,000.00
Grant Number: 92-273-08-14

Act 742 – Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Forum-Alabama Fire Department
Project: Firefighting hand tool equipment.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 05-274-08-14

Act 856 & 742 – Supported by Senate and Representative

Applicant: Youth Bridge, Inc.
Project: Youth Bridge Centerton Emergency Shelter repairs, siding and roof.
Grant Request: $40,000.00
Grant Number: 94-275-08-14

Act 742 – Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: City of Lowell
Project: Acquire mechanical CPR equipment for Advanced Life Support emergency medical service.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 03-276-08-14

Act 643 – Supported by Senate Bill Sponsor

Applicant: Springdale Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 65 (Grand Lodge Group FIN 71-0844820)
Project: Provide support to Springdale Police and Springdale Community Activities.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 88-277-08-14

Act 742 – Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Springdale School District - Lakeside Junior High School
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 89-278-08-14

Act 742 – Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Project: New Generation Snow and Ice Removal Truck (Belly Plow), Stationed in Carroll County.
Grant Request: $100,000.00
Grant Number: 05-279-08-14

Act 856 – Supported by Senate Bill Sponsor
Applicant: City of Prairie Grove
Project: Friends of Prairie Grove Pound – Chain link fence runs for animal holding facility.
Grant Request: $4,000.00
Grant Number: 84-280-08-14  
Act 742 – Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Rea Valley Volunteer Fire Department
Project: Funding to enable Rea Valley to replace Engine 1 that was destroyed in response.
Grant Request: $8,000.00
Grant Number: 99-281-08-14  
Act 742 – Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: City of Berryville
Project: Public Restrooms, Parking & fencing to maintenance & storage facility.
Grant Request: $20,000.00
Grant Number: 07-282-08-14  
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: City of Berryville
Project: Storage Building Construction, Site preparation, (funding shortfall) & landscaping.
Grant Request: $16,000.00
Grant Number: 07-283-08-14  
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Reality Check, Inc.
Project: Education in Benton County School District (Program for at risk students).
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 93-284-09-14  
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Siloam Springs VFW 1674 KiA Memorial
Project: A memorial to honor the Siloam Springs heroes from WW1 to present (War Memorial).
Grant Request: $25,000.00
Grant Number: 02-285-09-14  
Act 642 – Supported by Senate Bill Sponsor

Applicant: Newton County Fair and Rodeo
Project: Equipment and Furnishings for exhibit building and grounds
Grant Request: $3,000.00
Grant Number: 83-286-09-14  
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Literacy Council of Benton County, Inc.
Project: Tutor training books, Student books, and tutoring.
Grant Request: $2,500.00
Grant Number: 93-287-09-14  
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District
Applicant: City of Tontitown
Project: Firefighting equipment/apparatus (SCBA's – Self-contained breathing apparatus).
Grant Request: $19,992.00
Grant Number: 01-288-09-14
Act 642 – Supported by Senate Bill Sponsor

Applicant: Springdale Police Department
Project: Police Gun safes for Springdale School resource officer and Bike patrol equipment.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 97-289-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Benton County
Project: Computer Equipment for Benton County Collectors office.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 93-290-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: CASA of Northwest Arkansas
Project: Advocate for abused children, assist children moving through the foster care system.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 93-291-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter
Project: Children base needs, shelter, security, clothing, toiletries, nutrition, counseling & education.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 93-292-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Benton County Veterans Treatment Court
Project: Assist Veterans with substance abuse mental health concerns in criminal justice system.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 93-293-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Center for Women's Ministries Incorporated
Project: Equipment (copier) for Non-Profit Corporation that provides counseling.
Grant Request: $6,700.00
Grant Number: 93-294-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership
Project: Student leadership training, service learning & motivation building experiences.
Grant Request: $3,000.00
Grant Number: 93-295-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District
Applicant: Benton County Sheriff’s Office
Project: Uniforms and equipment of the Chaplain Divisions (volunteers).
Grant Request: $12,500.00
Grant Number: 93-296-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Youth Strategies
Project: Job Readiness Program – job training, life skills and job placement for at-risk youth.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 93-297-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Mary Mae Jones Elementary School
Project: Technology equipment for students (iPADS).
Grant Request: $3,000.00
Grant Number: 93-298-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Children’s Advocacy Center of Benton County
Project: Mental Health Program – Therapy helps children learn about trauma, manage their feelings.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 93-299-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Bentonville Parks and Recreation
Project: Trail amenities such as benches and trash receptacles for NW Arkansas Razorback Greenway.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 93-300-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: University of Arkansas – Board of Trustees
Project: Expansion of the nursing program.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 84-301-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: The CALL in Benton and Washington Counties
Project: Project is to increase the number of quality foster and adoptive families.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 93-302-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Community Kids Closet
Project: Providing new clothing to elementary school age children in Northwest Arkansas.
Grant Request: $2,000.00
Grant Number: 84-303-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District
Applicant: Bentonville Public Schools – Apple Glen Elementary School
Project: Equipment/iPADS for fourth grade Literacy Learning.
Grant Request: $4,000.00
Grant Number: 93-304-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Kingston Community Library
Project: Acquire property to allow expansion of existing library.
Grant Request: $20,000.00
Grant Number: 05-305-09-14
Act 856 – Supported by Senate Bill Sponsor

Applicant: St. Paul Public Library
Project: Expansion equipment for public library.
Grant Request: $27,070.00
Grant Number: 05-306-09-14
Act 856 – Supported by Senate Bill Sponsor

Applicant: Town of Oak Grove
Project: Acquire equipment for Oak Grove Police Department.
Grant Request: $15,000.00
Grant Number: 07-307-09-14
Act 856 – Supported by Senate Bill Sponsor

CNG – Compressed Natural Gas Projects

Applicant: Arkansas Energy Office
Project: Develop publicly-accessible, statewide network of alternative fuel filling stations.
Grant Request: $1,315,000.00
Grant Number: CNG-02-09-14
Act 900 – Supported by Senate Bill Sponsors

Applicant: Ozark Transit
Project: Conversion of Public Transit fleet vehicles to Compressed Natural Gas
Grant: Request: $60,000.00
Grant Number: CNG-03-09-14
Act 900 – Supported by Senate Bill Sponsors
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

SPECIAL CALLED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2014

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER called to order the Special Called Board of Directors’ Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 10:20 a.m., Wednesday, October 15, 2014, in the Kenton R. Treat Conference Room at the NWAEDD Plaza, Harrison, Arkansas.

Board Members present were:

Baxter County
    MAYOR DAVID OSMON, MOUNTAIN HOME

Boone County
    JUDGE JAMES NORTON, BOONE COUNTY
    MR. BILL WITTY, HARRISON

Carroll County
    JUDGE SAM BARR, CARROLL COUNTY
    MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY, BERRYVILLE
    MAYOR MORRIS PATE, EUREKA SPRINGS

Madison County
    JUDGE FRANK WEAVER, MADISON COUNTY
    MR. WES FOWLER, MADISON COUNTY

Marion County
    JUDGE TERRY OTT, MARION COUNTY
    MAYOR SHAWN LANE, YELLLVILLE

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

Searcy County
    JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY, SEARCY COUNTY

Washington County
    MAYOR DOUG SPROUSE, SPRINGDALE
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Guests present were:

Glenna Booth, Eureka Springs
Diane Wilkerson, Eureka Springs
Joseph Didden, Congressman Crawford’s Office
Stetson Painter, Senator Boozman’s Office
Kathryn Gough, Senator Boozman’s Office
Janie Wheeler, NWAEDD
Eddie Treece, NWAEDD
Jay Stallard, NWAEDD
Joanna Cartwright, NWAEDD
Debbie Davidson, NWAEDD
Libby Robinson, NWAEDD

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. JUDGE JAMES NORTON made the motion to go into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCEY. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Motion to come out of Executive Session was made by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER and seconded by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCEY. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER entertained a motion on any items discussed during the Executive Session. MR. BILL WITTY made the motion to hire Mr. Joe Willis as Interim Executive Director and create a new position of Assistant Executive Director/Economic Planner and that position would be filled by Mr. Jeremy Ragland. Motion seconded by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCEY. Motion carried. CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated “we have hired two people.”

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER entertained any further motions. MR. BILL WITTY made a motion to make necessary and salary adjustments for any employees existing within the district at this time as well as the two new hires. CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated a motion has been made to approve those salaries that were discussed in Executive Session. JUDGE JOHNNY HINCEY seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JUDGE FRANK WEAVER made a motion to increase the annual salary of Ms. Kindall Brewer by $4,000.00 retroactive to January 1, 2014. Motion seconded by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCEY. Motion carried.
JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY made a motion to pay $5,000.00 to CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER for his four weeks of time served as the Interim Executive Director of NWAEDD. JUDGE FRANK WEAVER seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated the next order of business was a review of the General Improvement Grant (GIF) applications submitted to NWAEDD.

After review and discussion of the GIF applications, JUDGE FRANK WEAVER made a motion to approve the GIF applications presented. JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY made the motion to discontinue the meals at the District's Board of Directors' regularly scheduled meetings excluding the annual NWAEDD Board of Directors' meeting. Motion seconded by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER. Motion carried.

There being no other business to discuss, CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY and seconded by JUDGE FRANK WEAVER. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Wes Fowler
Chairman

Bill Witty
Secretary

Date: 12-17-14
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

PROJECTS LIST 2013-2014
APPLICATIONS 308 THROUGH 315

New:

Applicant: Witt Springs Community Voices
Project: Funding for repair and construction for improvements to community building.
Grant Request: $1,500.00
Grant Number: 83-308-10-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Dress for Success Northwest Arkansas
Project: Funding to expand its Career Center in order to serve women in Northwest Arkansas.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 93-309-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Boys and Girls Club of Benton County
Project: Funds to install 4 outdoor cameras and remodeling of two classroom entrances.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 93-310-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Sugar Creek Elementary
Project: Improve and expand the playground with universally accessible equipment.
Grant Request: $3,000.00
Grant Number: 93-311-10-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Souls Harbor Northwest Arkansas
Project: Funds for improvements - hot water heater, electrical fixtures and refrigeration equipment.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 95-312-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Boy Scout Troop 2144 Sponsored by Elks Lodge 2144
Project: Funding for a storage facility and supplies.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 95-313-09-14
Act 742 – Supported by Representative in District
Applicant: Samaritan Community Center
Project: Funding for purchase and implementation of a digital x-ray system.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 95-314-09-14

Applicant: City of Pea Ridge
Project: Improvements to their city’s library, software and security for police dept./city hall.
Grant Request: $35,000.00
Grant Number: 95-315-10-14

Act 742 – Supported by Representative in District
Act 643 & 742 – Support by Senate and Representatives
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, December 17, 2014, 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, MOUNTAIN HOME

**Boone County**
- JUDGE JAMES NORTON, BOONE COUNTY
- MAYOR JEFF CROCKETT, HARRISON
- MR. BILL WITTY, HARRISON

**Carroll County**
- JUDGE SAM BARR, CARROLL COUNTY
- MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY, BERRYVILLE

**Madison County**
- MR. WES FOWLER, MADISON COUNTY

**Marion County**
- JUDGE TERRY OTT, MARION COUNTY
- MAYOR SHAWN LANE, YELLSVILLE

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

**Searcy County**
- JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHEY, SEARCY COUNTY
- MAYOR JOHN HENLEY, ST. JOE
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Washington County
MR. WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, WASHINGTON COUNTY
MR. RAY BOUDREAUX, FAYETTEVILLE
MAYOR DOUG SPRouse, SPRINGDALE

Guests present were:

Joseph Didden, Congressman Crawford’s Office
Stetson Painter, Senator Boozman’s Office
John West, BancorpSouth Insurance Services, Inc.
Joe Willis, NWAEDD
Janie Wheeler, NWAEDD
Eddie Treece, NWAEDD
Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD
Joanna Cartwright, NWAEDD
Debbie Davidson, NWAEDD
Libby Robinson, NWAEDD
John Ervin, CPA
Susan Sangren, NWACDC
James White, Harrison Daily Times

Minutes of the October 15, 2014 special called meeting were presented and approved on motion by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHHEY, seconded by JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOE WILLIS 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. 3050-3052 were presented and discussed by EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOE WILLIS:

RESOLUTION NO. 3050 – CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS – CONSTRUCTION OF PICNIC PAVILION AND PLAYGROUND AT LAKE LEATHERWOOD CITY PARK.

RESOLUTION NO. 3051 – NWAEDD, INC. – WIA – THE WIA ADULT PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO ADULTS: CORE, INTENSIVE AND TRAINING. (COUNTIES OF BAXTER, BENTON, BOONE, CARROLL, MADISON, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY AND WASHINGTON)
RESOLUTION NO. 3052 – NWAEDD, INC. – WIA – THE WIA DISLOCATED WORKERS PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO ADULTS: CORE, INTENSIVE AND TRAINING. (COUNTIES OF BAXTER, BENTON, BOONE, CARROLL, MADISON, MARION, NEWTON, SEARCY AND WASHINGTON)

Motion to approve Regional Clearinghouse Resolution No. 3050-3052 was made by JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL and seconded by MR. NEAL GIBSON and motion carried.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated the next order of business would be consideration of Directors and Officers Liability Proposal was presented by John West, CRM, BancorpSouth Insurance Services, Inc.

Motion was made by MR. RAY BOUDREAUX to allow EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOE WILLIS to pursue and purchase Directors and Officers Liability Insurance and seconded by MR. NEAL GIBSON and motion carried.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER said the next order of business was the NWAEDD Financial and Statistical Report. MR. ERVIN addressed the Board and answered questions.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated the next item of business was the Deed Transfer of Newton County Property to Area Agency on Aging. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOE WILLIS discussed that to close the Senior Service Program that the District needed to transfer the property to the Area Agency on Aging. Motion by JUDGE JAMES NORTON to transfer the property in Newton County to the Area Agency on Aging and seconded by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHLEY. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER said the review of General Improvement Grant applications submitted to NWAEDD was the next order of business.

After review and discussion of the GIF applications 316-356 (list attached), MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY made a motion to approve the General Improvement Fund applications as presented. MAYOR DOUG SPROUSE seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER stated that the next item of business on the agenda was the State of Arkansas Proclamation State Offices Closed on December 26, 2014. Motion was made to close NWAEDD on December 26, 2014 to be in compliance with the State of Arkansas by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHLEY and seconded by JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL. Motion carried.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOE WILLIS gave a report on the District's programs and financial statements. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOE WILLIS stated step 1 was to see how deep the hole was. Step 2 was stabilization and step 3 is to get some new programs that will generate new revenue.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOE WILLIS stated that the NWAEDD website was down, but staff has been talking with an individual about setting up a website for the District. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOE WILLIS stated that everything with the OMSWD Lawsuit has been settled except for transfer of the $75,000 to ADEQ. The District will no longer be liable for any cleanup of the landfill site.

Next item of business was the change to the Inclement Weather Policy/Personnel Policy and Procedures for the Executive Director to have the authority to close the office in inclement weather. Motion was made to accept changes made to the policy by MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY and seconded by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHHEY. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER states that the next item of business was discussion of forming a committee to amend the Bylaws of the District and update the Locality Contributions. CHAIRMAN WES FOWLER recommended MAYOR TIM MCKINNEY, MAYOR DOUG SPROUSE, JUDGE MICKEY PENGERGRASS, JUDGE FRANK WEAVER and MR. WES FOWLER. JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHHEY made the motion to accept these board members as the committee, seconded by JUDGE MICKEY PENGERGRASS. Motion carried.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. on a motion by JUDGE JOHNNY HINCHHEY and seconded by JUDGE WARREN CAMPBELL. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman

Date: 3/18/15

Secretary

Date: 3/18/15
NEW:

Applicant: Arkansas Health and Economic Research
Project: Funding for health equipment and resources.
Grant Request: $4,198.00
Grant Number: 316-89-12-14
Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra
Project: Funding for Carnegie Hall’s prestigious Link Up program.
Grant Request: $3,000.00
Grant Number: 317-84-12-14
Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Arkansas
Project: Funding to teach youth financial literacy (Lemonade Day Program).
Grant Request: $6,000.00
Grant Number: 318-07-94-12-14
Supported by Senator and Representative in District

Applicant: Boys & Girls Club of Benton County
Project: Funding for membership scholarships to children of low-income families.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 319-01-12-14
Supported by Senator in District

Applicant: Child Care Aware of Northwest Arkansas
Project: Funding to provide parenting classes to child care providers and parents.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 320-07-12-14
Supported by Senator in District

Applicant: City of Berryville
Project: Funding to assist in the costs of constructing a maintenance facility building for Parks Depart.
Grant Request: $25,000.00
Grant Number: 321-07-12-14
Supported by Senator in District
Applicant: Elkins Police Department
Project: Funding to assist in purchasing new video capturing equipment.
Grant Request: $9,993.23
Grant Number: 322-07-12-14
Supported by Senator in District

Applicant: Circle of Life
Project: Funding to assist in the construction of inpatient hospice homes.
Grant Request: $15,000.00
Grant Number: 323-95-94-12-14
Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Ecclesia College
Project: Funding for property acquisition to provide additional residence & work learning facilities.
Grant Request: $200,000.00
Grant Number: 324-07-89-12-14
Supported by Senator and Representative in District

Applicant: Gravette Public Library
Project: Funding for an automated library system (SirsiDynix).
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 325-92-12-14
Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Northwest Arkansas Community College
Project: Funding for construction of a Washington County Center in Springdale.
Grant Request: $25,000.00
Grant Number: 325-88-12-14
Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Northwest Arkansas Food Bank
Project: Funding for the growing need for food assistance.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 326-92-12-14
Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Northwest Technical Institute
Project: Funding to purchase patient simulators for Allied Health Practical Nursing Program.
Grant Request: $44,198.00
Grant Number: 327-88-94-12-14
Supported by Representatives in District

Applicant: Open Door Health and Community Services
Project: Funding to purchase equipment for clients to obtain all of their health services.
Grant Request: $7,800.00.
Grant Number: 328-88-81-12-14
Supported by Representatives in District
Applicant: Searcy County Veteran's Memorial Association
Project: Funding for financial assistance with building costs.
Grant Request: $20,000.00
Grant Number: 329-83-18-07-12-14 Supported by Senator and Representative in District

Applicant: Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Northwest Arkansas
Project: Funding for basic full time and part time student scholarships.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 330-04-12-14 Supported by Senator in District

Applicant: Souls Harbor NWA
Project: Funding for purchasing equipment for housing facilities.
Grant Request: $25,000.00
Grant Number: 331-94-12-14 Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Wesley Volunteer Fire Department
Project: Funding for completion of water tanker.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 332-05-97-12-14 Supported by Senator and Representative in District

Applicant: Searcy County Sheriff's Department
Project: Funding used to purchase equipment to equip an emergency vehicle.
Grant Request: $6,519.13
Grant Number: 333-83-12-14 Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Marshall Fire Department
Project: Funding for improvements to fire department equipment.
Grant Request: $14,233.50
Grant Number: 334-83-18-12-14 Supported by Senator and Representative in District

Applicant: Searcy County School District
Project: Funding to purchase a seven (7) passenger van.
Grant Request: $17,800.00
Grant Number: 335-83-18-12-14 Supported by Senator and Representative in District

Applicant: Gravette Public Library
Project: Funding to improve the computers for patrons and provide tools for GED Students.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 336-02-12-14 Supported by Senator in District
Applicant: Teen Action and Support Center
Project: Funding for building repair and security additions.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 337-94-12-14

Applicant: Compassion Ministries, ltd
Project: Funding for replacement of box springs and mattresses for all residents & staff beds.
Grant Request: $2,437.00
Grant Number: 338-88-12-14

Applicant: Downtown Springdale Alliance
Project: Funding for Downtown Springdale revitalization.
Grant Request: $20,000.00
Grant Number: 339-89-97-12-14

Applicant: Pathway To Freedom, Inc.
Project: Funding to equip prisoners to successfully re-enter community.
Grant Request: $9,000.00
Grant Number: 340-94-12-14

Applicant: Reality Check, Inc.
Project: Funding to provide character education, life skills and workplace readiness education.
Grant Request: $21,222.00
Grant Number: 341-94-12-14

Applicant: Bentonville Public Schools
Project: Funding for basic English speaking classes & computer skills for Spanish speaking parents.
Grant Request: $8,000.00
Grant Number: 342-94-12-14

Applicant: Marshallese Educational Initiative, Inc.
Project: Funding for educational program/supplies to help minimize poverty in Marshallese community.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 343-94-12-14

Applicant: Operation Re-Boot
Project: Funding to assist in furnishing veterans’ homes.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 344-94-12-14

Supported by Representative in District
Applicant: A Level Up, Inc.
Project: Funding to purchase training materials.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 345-07-12-14 Supported by Senator in District

Applicant: 99 Balloons, Inc.
Project: Funding for an expansion project of our rEcess respite programs.
Grant Request: $15,000.00
Grant Number: 346-88-12-14 Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Diamond ADC, Inc.
Project: Funding for capital expenditures to open the doors of the facility.
Grant Request: $6,250.00
Grant Number: 347-94-12-14 Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Loving Choices Pregnancy Centers
Project: Funding to update educational curriculum.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 348-88-12-14 Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Springdale Senior Activity and Wellness Center
Project: Funding for needed repairs to the existing center, exercise facility, and general operations.
Grant Request: $100,000.00
Grant Number: 349-07-89-12-14 Supported by Senator and Representative in District

Applicant: City of Berryville
Project: Funding for fire department to purchase turnouts and other personal protective gear.
Grant Request: $3,000.00
Grant Number: 350-05-12-14 Supported by Senator in District

Applicant: Town of Oak Grove Fire Department
Project: Funding for repair and update exterior of the fire department.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 351-05-12-14 Supported by Senator in District

Applicant: Madison County Fair board
Project: Funding to install air conditioning in exhibit building on fair grounds.
Grant Request: $14,574.95
Grant Number: 352-05-97-12-14 Supported by Senator and Representative in District
Applicant: Searcy County Rural Help Center, Inc.
Project: Funding to improve the overall deficiencies of the facility.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 353-96-12-14

Applicant: NWAEDD
Project: Funding to correct and ratify a transfer to Revolving Loan Fund.
Grant Request: $199,000.00
Grant Number: 354-00-12-14

Applicant: NWAEDD
Project: Funding to replenish the Revolving Loan Fund to the level necessary to make program viable.
Grant Request: $100,000.00
Grant Number: 355-96-12-14

Applicant: NWAEDD
Project: Funding to assist with administration stabilization costs.
Grant Request: $75,000.00
Grant Number: 356-96-12-14