Chairman Wes Fowler called to order the Board of Directors Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 10:11 a.m., Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at the NWAEDD Plaza, Kenton R. Treat Conference Room, Harrison, Arkansas.

Executive Director Joe Willis introduced the visitors that were present.

Board Members present were:

**Baxter County**
- Judge Mickey Pendergrass, Baxter County
- Mayor Joe Dillard, Mountain Home

**Benton County**
- Mr. Kevin Gambrill, Benton County

**Boone County**
- Judge Robert Hathaway, Boone County
- Mayor Dan Sherrell, Harrison
- Mr. Bill Witty, Boone County

**Carroll County**
- Judge Sam Barr, Carroll County
- Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville
- Mayor Robert Berry, Eureka Springs

**Madison County**
- Judge Frank Weaver, Madison County
- Mr. Wes Fowler, Madison County

**Marion County**
- Judge Terry Ott, Marion County
- Mr. Layton Lee, Yellville

**Newton County**
- Judge Warren Campbell, Newton County
- Mayor Jan Larson, Jasper
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Searcy County
Judge Jim Harness, Searcy County
Mr. Woodie Methvin, Searcy County

Board Members absent were:

Mayor Bob McCaslin, Bentonville
Mr. David Pemberton, Madison County
Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville
Mr. Neal Gibson, Newton County
Mr. James Busbee, Searcy County
Ms. Renee Biby, Washington County
Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale

Guests present were:

Mayor Talitha Hardin, Leslie
Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall
Christopher Suneson, Bella Vista
Jim Youngquist, IEA, UALR
Kael Sturgeon, Senator Cotton’s Office
Joseph Didden, Field Representative, Congressman Rick Crawford
Kathryn Gough, Senator Boozman Office
Stetson Painter, Senator Boozman Office
Bobby Ballinger, Congressman Bruce Westerman’s Office
Jo Anna Cartwright, NATS
Susan Sangren, NWACDC
Joe Willis, NWAEDD
Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD
Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD
Eddie Treece, NWAEDD
Jay Stallard, NWAEDD
Tina M. Cole, NWAEDD
Lynda Treat, NWAEDD
Libby Robinson, NWAEDD

Chairman Wes Fowler discussed the current slate of members of the Board of Directors. Mr. Kenneth “Bo” Gregory, Baxter County and Mr. Ray Boudreaux, Washington County both submitted resignations to pursue other interests. Mayor Bob McCaslin, Bentonville communicated to District staff that he does not wish to be involved with the District and as a result Chairman Fowler designated that as a resignation and declared his position vacant. Judge Frank Weaver nominated Steve Clark for the vacancy in Washington County. Mr. Kevin Gambrill nominated Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge, for a previously existing
vacancy in Benton County and the Baxter County representatives had no nomination to replace Mr. Gregory. There is still a vacancy in Benton County for Mayor McCaslin’s position. Motion to approve the nominations for the vacancies was made by Mayor Tim McKinney and seconded by Judge Terry Ott and the motion unanimously carried.

Minutes of the October 29, 2015 meeting were presented and approved on motion by Judge Warren Campbell, seconded by Mr. Bill Witty and the motion unanimously carried.

Next item of business on the agenda was the Member Needs Assessment Review with a presentation from Jim Youngquist, Executive Director of the Institute for Economic Advancement, UALR who gave a presentation on a proposed needs assessment project for all nine counties. Chairman Fowler made a motion to proceed with the review.

Executive Director Willis gave a brief discussion on the Locality Contributions. Judge Mickey Pendergrass thanked Deputy Director Jeremy Ragland for his hard work in getting the new members to pay their dues.

Chairman Fowler stated that the next item of discussion was the vacancy on the Executive Committee created by the resignation of Mr. Ray Boudreaux. Chairman Fowler recommended that Mayor Doug Sprouse move to Vice Chairman. He also recommended that Judge Terry Ott be added to the Executive Committee in place of Mr. Boudreaux. Motion was made to accept the recommendations as noted by Judge Mickey Pendergrass and seconded by Mayor Joe Dillard and carried unanimously.

Minutes of the December 10, 2015 Executive Committee meeting were presented and unanimously approved on a motion by Mayor Joe Dillard and a second by Judge Warren Campbell.

Discussion of the 2014 Frost and Company Audit was the next item of business. Mr. Bill Witty, audit committee chairman, discussed the meeting with Frost and Company regarding the completion of the 2014 audit and the expected commencement of the 2015 audit. The audit committee voted to engage Frost and Company for the 2015 audit. Executive Director Willis stated that the management has stepped back and let the audit committee have the most interaction with the audit firm. Mr. Witty said the members felt more informed about the 2014 audit than other audits in the past. Motion to approve the 2014 audit was made by Mr. Bill Witty and seconded by Mayor Joe Dillard. Motion carries unanimously.

Mr. Witty discussed the 2013 Employee Benefit Plan Audit. Motion to approve the 2013 Employee Benefit Plan audit plan was made by Judge Terry Ott and seconded by Mayor Joe Dillard and the motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Ragland gave an update on the EDA Program; he also introduced Ms. Lynda Treat and Ms. Tina Cole as the new Community and Economic Development Coordinators for the District.
Chairman Fowler stated that the review of General Improvement Grant applications submitted to NWAEDD was the next order of business.

After review and discussion of the GIF applications 410-416 (list attached) and also GIF 2015 applications 38-115 (list attached), Mayor McKinney made a motion to approve the General Improvement Fund applications as presented. Judge Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Director Willis gave the board an update on activities within the District. He brought the board up to date on a variety of activities in which the District staff is participating. He also addressed the board regarding (1) the changes to the 401(k) plan, (2) implementation of the new payroll system, (3) changes to the District’s health insurance and associated savings, (4) final resolution of the outstanding NATS claim with AHTD and (5) an update of the ongoing settlement discussions with ADWS.

Discussion of the date for the Annual and Board of Directors meeting tentatively scheduled for March 30, 2016.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m. on a motion by Mayor Dillard and seconded by Judge Campbell. The motion carried unanimously.

[Signatures]

Date: 3/30/16

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NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

PROJECTS LIST 2013-14 GIF FUNDING CYCLE
APPLICATIONS 410-416

Applicant: Decision Point
Project: Funding to assist in the cost of preparing meals and the purchase of gifts for children.
Grant Request: $1,500.00
Grant Number: 410-93-01-16  Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Circle of Life Hospice
Project: Funding for the general operating expenses of the hospice house.
Grant Request: $1,999.00
Grant Number: 411-93-01-16  Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: Newton County
Project: Funding for interior improvements to the Newton County Courthouse.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 412-101-01-16  Supported by Senator & Representative in District

Applicant: City of Mountain Home
Project: Funding to purchase tasers for the police department.
Grant Request: $6,923.92
Grant Number: 413-101-01-16  Supported by Senator in District

Applicant: Carroll County
Project: Funding to purchase equipment for the county’s OEM response vehicle.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 414-05-01-16  Supported by Senator & Representative in District

Applicant: Boone County War Memorial Association
Project: Funding to assist in erecting a monument at Harrison High School honoring veterans.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 415-101-01-16  Supported by Representative in District

Applicant: City of Berryville
Project: Funding to purchase equipment for the county’s OEM response vehicle.
Grant Request: $5,618.96
Grant Number: 416-101-01-16  Supported by Senator & Representative in District

Total 410-416: $36,041.88
Remaining 2013 GIF Funds: $0.00
Applicant: Siloam Springs VFW
Project: Funding for the construction of a KIA memorial honoring fallen heroes from WWI through Operation Iraqi Freedom.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 38-02-07-87-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 444, 471, and 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Bella Vista
Project: Funding for the installation of crosswalk signalization to provide safe passage for students crossing Dartmoor Road going to Cooper Elementary School.
Grant Request: $41,000.00
Grant Number: 39-02-95-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 471 and 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Kind at Heart (Siloam Springs, AR)
Project: Funding to assist with the various programs for the elderly and physically disabled such as: home modifications, wheel chair ramps, lawn care, house cleaning, handicap shower installs, etc.
Grant Request: $4,700.00
Grant Number: 40-02-87-91-97-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 471 and 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: The Manna Center (Siloam Springs, AR)
Project: Funding to assist with hunger relief in Siloam Springs and to expand the food service to Decatur.
Grant Request: $6,200.00
Grant Number: 41-02-87-91-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 471 and 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Elm Springs Historical Society
Project: Funding to purchase and place a marker for historic downtown Elm Springs.
Grant Request: $500.00
Grant Number: 42-87-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Boys & Girls Club of Western Benton County (Siloam Springs)
Project: Funding to supplement operating expenses and to purchase awards to recognize participants.
Grant Request: $6,000.00
Grant Number: 43-02-87-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 471 and 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: American Legion Post 29 (Siloam Springs)
Project: Funding to purchase uniforms for the 15 member color and honor guard.
Grant Request: $4,000.00
Grant Number: 44-02-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 471 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Dwelling Place (Fayetteville)
Project: Funding for kitchen renovation to increase the efficiency of hunger relief services.
Grant Request: $2,000.00
Grant Number: 45-88-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Tontitown Historical Museum
Project: Funding to purchase a new sign and lighting for the museum.
Grant Request: $4,500.00
Grant Number: 46-07-87-88-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 444 and 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Valley Springs VFD
Project: Funding to assist in the purchase of a new pumper truck.
Grant Request: $2,500.00
Grant Number: 47-16-83-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 481 and 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Newton County Library
Project: Funding to purchase new books and audiobooks for the library.
Grant Request: $3,000.00
Grant Number: 48-16-83-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 481 and 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Searcy County Senior Center
Project: Funding to remodel the bathrooms at the senior center.
Grant Request: $7,000.00
Grant Number: 49-83-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Newton County Christian Foodroom
Project: Funding for the purchase of food and supplies to aid in hunger relief.
Grant Request: $1,000.00
Grant Number: 50-83-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Marshall
Project: Funding to assist in the installation of a stop light at the intersection of Highway 65 and Zack Rd.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 51-83-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Witts Springs Community Voices
Project: Funding to install insulation into the old Witts Springs school building that is now used as a community building and home to the local museum.
Grant Request: $1,483.11
Grant Number: 52-83-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Brandon Burlsworth Foundation
Project: Funding for use in the “Eyes of Champion” Program that provides glasses to needy children and the “Burls Kids” Program that takes underprivileged children to Arkansas Razorback games.
Grant Request: $35,000.00
Grant Number: 53-07-17-97-98-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 444, 748, & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Town of Alpena
Project: Funding to purchase new signage for city hall.
Grant Request: $16,000.00
Grant Number: 54-17-98-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 748 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Alpena VFD
Project: Funding to assist in the purchase of a brush truck and other firefighting equipment.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 55-16-17-98-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 481, 748, & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: City of Green Forest
Project: Funding to assist in the construction of a concession stand for the new multi-purpose parks facility.
Grant Request: $7,500.00
Grant Number: 56-16-98-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 481 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Boone County
Project: Funding to assist in the construction of a storm shelter/safe room at the Boone County Health Unit.
Grant Request: $16,250.00
Grant Number: 57-17-83-98-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 748 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Harrison
Project: Funding to assist in repairing the roof at the senior center facility owned by the City of Harrison.
Grant Request: $18,000.00
Grant Number: 58-98-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Ozark Humane Society
Project: Funding to assist in the purchase of energy efficient washers/dryers and a generator for the shelter.
Grant Request: $3,200.00
Grant Number: 59-98-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Yellville Industrial Development Commission
Project: Funding to construct a secondary access road to the rail spur that will be re-opening in the Yellville Industrial Park.
Grant Request: $20,000.00
Grant Number: 60-17-99-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 748 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Twin Lakes Literacy Council (Mountain Home)
Project: Funding to purchase computer equipment and technology supplies.
Grant Request: $1,063.00
Grant Number: 61-100-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Hope Cancer Resources (Springdale)
Project: Funding to aid in the purchase of two vehicles for the patient transport program.
Grant Request: $15,000.00
Grant Number: 62-86-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Butler Center for Arkansas Studies
Project: Funding for the statewide “BASE” (Books for Arkansas Students’ Education) Program.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 63-86-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Walton Arts Center
Project: Funding for the statewide tour of the play Digging Up Arkansas for middle school students.
Grant Request: $6,000.00
Grant Number: 64-04-86-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 474 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Ozark Literacy Council
Project: Funding to assist in the purchase of computer equipment and building improvements.
Grant Request: $8,500.00
Grant Number: 65-84-85-86-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Single Parent Scholarship of NWA
Project: Funding for college scholarships for low income single parents.
Grant Request: $2,500.00
Grant Number: 66-89-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Reality Check (Rogers)
Project: Funding for character education classes at schools in NWA.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 67-93-94-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: CASA of NWA
Project: Funding for the purchase of computer equipment & furniture and general operating expenses for the foster child mentor program.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 68-04-90-93-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 474 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Benton County
Project: Funding to assist in the purchase of new GIS software and a handheld GPS unit.
Grant Request: $15,000.00
Grant Number: 69-90-94-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Mary Mae Jones Elementary (Bentonville)
Project: Funding to purchase 300 of “The Leader in Me” activity guides for students.
Grant Request: $1,500.00
Grant Number: 70-93-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Oasis of NWA (Bentonville)
Project: Funding for training materials, operational costs, and drug screenings for participants in the workforce training program for women survivors of addiction, abuse, and incarceration.
Grant Request: $13,500.00
Grant Number: 71-90-94-95-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Arkansas World Trade Center
Project: Funding for world trade missions that promote small businesses in Arkansas.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 72-89-90-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Northwest Technical Institute (Springdale)
Project: Funding to assist in the purchase of three programmable logic controllers for the Ammonia Refrigeration & Industrial Maintenance Programs.
Grant Request: $3,000.00
Grant Number: 73-90-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Springdale
Project: Funding for the renovation of the exterior portion of the Springdale Municipal Airport terminal.
Grant Request: $40,000.00
Grant Number: 74-88-89-90-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Fayetteville Public Education Foundation  
Project: Funding to support the gifted & talented, life preparation services, and advance placement programs.  
Grant Request: $5,000.00  
Grant Number: 75-04-01-16  
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 474 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Hispanic Women’s Organization of Arkansas (Springdale)  
Project: Funding for college scholarships for Hispanic students.  
Grant Request: $3,500.00  
Grant Number: 76-04-07-01-16  
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 444 & 474 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra  
Project: Funding for the “Link Up Our Students to the Orchestra” Program that will serve 1,600 3rd-5th grade students.  
Grant Request: $4,000.00  
Grant Number: 77-84-01-16  
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Greenland Public Schools  
Project: Funding for equipment and entry fees for the Greenland High School robotics team.  
Grant Request: $2,500.00  
Grant Number: 78-04-84-01-16  
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 474 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Town of Chester  
Project: Funding for the installation of a HVAC system at the community center.  
Grant Request: $3,500.00  
Grant Number: 79-81-01-16  
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Morgan Nick Foundation  
Project: Funding for rent, phone/internet, and utility expenses for one year along with funding educational programs & serving families of missing children.  
Grant Request: $10,200.00  
Grant Number: 80-81-01-16  
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Elkins Public Library
Project: Funding for the purchase of books & providing educational programs for children.
Grant Request: $15,000.00
Grant Number: 81-07-81-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 444 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Havenwood (Bentonville)
Project: Funding for case management & job readiness skills and transportation costs for taking clients without transportation to work.
Grant Request: $6,000.00
Grant Number: 82-81-86-90-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: A Level Up
Project: Funding for Leadership and Path for Teens classes and training material.
Grant Request: $2,500.00
Grant Number: 83-07-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 444 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Decatur
Project: Funding to assist in the completion of a soccer field at Veteran’s Park in Decatur.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 84-92-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Gravette
Project: Funding for renovations and signage at four historic preservation sites within the city.
Grant Request: $16,000.00
Grant Number: 85-92-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Gravette Police Department
Project: Funding to purchase a K9 police drug dog and to assist in training for the officer and the dog.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 86-02-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 471 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: City of Rogers
Project: Funding to assist in retrofitting existing fluorescent light fixtures in the administration building with a low wattage energy efficient LED kit.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 87-90-94-95-96-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Rogers
Project: Funding to assist in the renovation of a 10,000 square ft warehouse to make it useable for an indoor farmers market.
Grant Request: $100,000.00
Grant Number: 88-03-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 473 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Children's Advocacy Center for Benton County
Project: Funding for supplies for the “Empower Me” program administered by school counselors regarding personal safety, trusted adults, and not keeping secrets.
Grant Request: $1,500.00
Grant Number: 89-93-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Helen Walton Children's Enrichment Center
Project: Funding for early childhood education training.
Grant Request: $4,000.00
Grant Number: 90-90-93-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County
Project: Funding for college scholarships for single parents.
Grant Request: $2,000.00
Grant Number: 91-90-93-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Old Kla Kima Camp (Benton County)
Project: Funding to convert the old dining hall into a multi-purpose activities building.
Grant Request: $2,500.00
Grant Number: 92-95-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: City of Highfill
Project: Funding for improvements to the community building.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 93-91-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Cave Springs
Project: Funding for a new parking lot at city hall.
Grant Request: $25,000.00
Grant Number: 94-90-91-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Beaver Lake Fire Department
Project: Funding for the purchase of an emergency rescue boat.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 95-96-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Garfield
Project: Funding for the purchase of a tandem axle dump trailer.
Grant Request: $4,950.00
Grant Number: 96-96-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Operation Re-Boot (Rogers)
Project: Funding for the purchase of an enclosed trailer and for bed frames for the veterans’ program.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 97-94-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: NWA Fitness & Health
Project: Funding for equipment and materials for health and fitness awareness in NWA.
Grant Request: $7,500.00
Grant Number: 98-07-94-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 444 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Springdale Moose Lodge
Project: Funding for painting the building and sealing the parking lot.
Grant Request: $2,500.00
Grant Number: 99-07-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 444 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Boys and Girls Club of Benton County
Project: Funding for furnishings, equipment, and education supplies.
Grant Request: $4,930.00
Grant Number: 100-94-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Saving Grace
Project: Funding for counseling and equine assisted therapy for homeless women.
Grant Request: $3,600.00
Grant Number: 101-94-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Carroll County Sheriff's Office
Project: Funding for upgrading the firing range by adding a shed and canopy, along with a break area.
Grant Request: $4,525.00
Grant Number: 102-05-97-98-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 482 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Madison County Senior Center
Project: Funding for interior improvements to the senior center.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 103-05-97-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 482 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Carroll County Senior Center
Project: Funding to aid in the purchase of a walk-in freezer, gas oven & range, and a steamer.
Grant Request: $7,500.00
Grant Number: 104-05-97-98-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 482 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: The Learning Center of North Arkansas
Project: Funding to supplement operating revenue on days missed due to weather.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 105-05-97-98-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 482 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Hindsville VFD
Project: Funding to assist in the purchase of rescue equipment.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 106-05-97-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 482 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: City of Berryville
Project: Funding to assist in the purchase of playground equipment at the community center.
Grant Request: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 107-05-97-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 482 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Leslie
Project: Funding to assist in the purchase of a high pressure jetter.
Grant Request: $2,500.00
Grant Number: 108-18-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 503 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Searcy County
Project: Funding to purchase playground equipment at the Searcy County Civic Center Park.
Grant Request: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 109-18-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 503 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Searcy County
Project: Funding to pave the parking lot at the Searcy County Veteran’s Memorial Building.
Grant Request: $6,200.00
Grant Number: 110-18-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 503 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Searcy County
Project: Funding to assist in the purchase of a brush chipper for the road department.
Grant Request: $8,800.00
Grant Number: 111-18-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 503 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Big Flat Senior Center
Project: Funding to purchase shelving and new windows in the dining area.
Grant Request: $2,500.00
Grant Number: 112-18-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 503 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District
Project: Correction in the original GIF funding formula.
Grant Request: $45,000.00
Grant Number: 113-00-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Circle of Life Hospice
Project: Funding for the general operating expenses of the hospice house.
Grant Request: $21,500.00
Grant Number: 114-04-07-94-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 444, 474, & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Decision Point
Project: Funding to assist in the cost of preparing meals and the purchase of gifts for children.
Grant Request: $19,500.00
Grant Number: 115-91-94-95-01-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

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ANNUAL MEETING
OF
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 30, 2016

Chairman Wes Fowler welcomed and called to order the Annual Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 10:15 a.m., Wednesday, March 30, 2016, at the John Paul Hammerschmidt Conference Center, Harrison, Arkansas.

The following entities of government were represented:

**Baxter County**
- Judge Mickey Pendergrass, Baxter County
- Mayor Joe Dillard, Mountain Home

**Benton County**
- Mr. Kevin M. Gambrill, Benton County
- Mayor Pete Christie, Bella Vista
- Mayor Travis Lee, Cave Springs
- Mayor Bill Edwards, Centerton
- Mayor Gary Blackburn, Garfield
- Mayor Frank Hackler, Jr., Gateway
- Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge
- Mayor John Mark Turner, Siloam Springs

**Boone County**
- Mayor Dan Sherrell, Harrison

**Carroll County**
- Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville
- Mayor Charles Reece, Green Forest

**Madison County**
- Judge Frank Weaver, Madison County
- Mayor Nina Selz, St. Paul
- Mr. Wes Fowler, Madison County
- Mr. David Pemberton, Huntsville

**Marion County**
- Judge Terry Ott, Marion County
- Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville
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Newton County
Judge Warren Campbell, Newton County
Mayor Jan Larson, Jasper
Mr. Neal Gibson, Western Grove

Searcy County
Judge Jim Harness, Searcy County
Mayor Talitha Hardin, Leslie
Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall
Mr. Woodie Methvin, St. Joe

Washington County
Judge Marilyn Edwards, Washington County
Ms. Renee Biby, Washington County
Mayor Bruce Ledford, Elkins
Mayor Bill Groom, Greenland
Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale
Mr. Steve Clark, Fayetteville

Guests present were:

Eddie Majeste, Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce
Johnny James, USDA-Rural Development
Neal Hodges, USDA-Rural Development
Carolyn Woehl, USDA-Rural Development
Pat Keller, - USDA-Rural Development
Patricia Slater, AHTD
Drew Williams, AEDC
Matt Twyford, AEDC
Ron McNair, State Representative
Kathryn Gough, Field Representative for Senator John Boozman
Stetson Painter, Field Representative for Senator John Boozman
Teri Garrett, Field Representative for Congressman Womack
Kyle Weaver, Project Director for Congressman Womack
Kaci Sturgeon, Field Representative for Senator Tom Cotton
Scott Miller, Anstaff Bank
Jim Hall, NWACC
Bobby Ballinger, Field Representative for Congressman Bruce Westerman
Mike Collins, IEA
Buddy Fry, Green Forest
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Marie Wagner, Marion County
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Joe Willis, NWAEDD  
Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD  
Janie Wheeler, NWAEDD  
Jay Stallard, NWAEDD  
Jo Anna Cartwright, NATS  
Libby Robinson, NWAEDD  
Eddie Treece, NWAEDD  
Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD  
Kindall Brewer, NWAEDD  
Amanda Goulet, NWAEDD  
Greg LaBonte, NATS  
Jamie Toomey, NATS  
Susan Sangren, NWACDC  
Donna Carney, NWACDC  
April Turner, NWACDC  
Karen Henry, NWACDC  
Michelle Ryan, NWACDC  
Beverly Taylor, NWACDC  
April Plunk, NWACDC  
Roger Rorie, NWACDC  
Susan Daniel, NWACDC  
Aaron Groen, NATS  
Orval Carter, NATS  
Kevin Hudson, NATS  
Tom Rabe, NATS  
Debbie Waters, NATS  
Debra Akins, NATS  
Bobby Evans, NATS  
Galen Phifer, NATS  
Richard Crow, NATS  
Ann Sanders, NATS  
Brinson Ponder, NATS

Executive Director Willis 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.

Motion was made by Judge Mickey Pendergrass to nominate Mr. Eddie Majeste of Mountain Home to the Board from Baxter County, motion 2nd by Mayor Joe Dillard.

Judge Terry Ott made motion to approve the slate of Board of Directors. Motion seconded by Mayor Shawn Lane. Motion carried.
Chairman Fowler said the next item of business was the nomination of officers of the Board of Directors. Mr. Neal Gibson made the motion to leave the officers as follows, Wes Fowler as Chairman, Mayor Doug Sprouse as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Bill Witty as Secretary, and Mayor Joe Dillard as Treasurer, seconded by Judge Warren Campbell and the motion carried.

Minutes of the March 18, 2015 Annual Meeting were presented and approved on motion by Judge Warren Campbell, seconded by Judge Terry Ott, and the motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Fowler called on Executive Director Willis to present the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District 2015 Annual Report. Executive Director Willis reported that the 2015 Annual Report was in memory of John Henley. Executive Director Willis reported to the Board of Directors the activities and achievements along with financials of the District for fiscal year 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m., on motion by Judge Warren Campbell and seconded by Mayor Doug Sprouse. The motion unanimously carried.

Chairman

Date: 3-23-17

Secretary

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- Mayor Joe Dillard, Mountain Home
- Mr. Eddie Majeste, Mountain Home

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Searcy County
Judge Jim Harness, Searcy County
Mr. Woodie Methvin, St. Joe

Washington County
Ms. Renee Biby, Washington County
Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale
Mr. Steve Clark, Fayetteville

Board Members absent were:

Mayor Robert Berry, Eureka Springs
Judge Robert Hathaway, Boone County
Mr. Bill Witty, Harrison
Mr. Layton Lee, Yellville
Mr. James Busbee, Searcy County

Guests present were:

Judge Marilyn Edwards, Washington County
Mayor Pete Christie, Bella Vista
Mayor Travis Lee, Cave Springs
Mayor Bill Edwards, Centerton
Mayor Gary Blackburn, Garfield
Mayor Frank Hackler, Jr., Gateway
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Minutes of the January 27, 2016 meeting were presented and approved on motion by Judge Frank Weaver, seconded by Judge Terry Ott and the motion unanimously carried.

The next item of business was discussion of the locality contribution report. Executive Director Willis recognized new members that have joined since the last meeting. The locality contribution report is made up of 81 potential members with 9 counties and 72 cities and towns. 85% of 2016 dues have been paid.

Chairman Fowler stated that the review of General Improvement Grant applications submitted to NWAEDD was the next order of business.

After review and discussion of the GIF applications 410-416 (list attached) and also GIF 2015 applications 116-155 (list attached), Judge Ott made a motion to approve the General Improvement Fund applications as presented. Judge Warren Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried with Mayor Tim McKinney abstaining.

Chairman Fowler discussed the Audit Committee meeting held on March 28, 2016. Chairman Fowler stated that Frost, PLLC will be conducting the 2015 audit and it should commence on or around June 6th. It should be presented at the September 2016 meeting. The 2016 audit should be expected to be completed timely and presented at the June 2017 meeting.

Chairman Fowler stated that the next item of business on the agenda was resolution 3060 – a resolution certifying that the Northwest Arkansas Revolving Loan Fund is operated in accordance with the policies and procedures of the RLF plan. A motion was made by Judge Weaver to approve resolution 3060 and was seconded by Mayor Joe Dillard. Motion carried.

The next item was resolution 3061 – a resolution authorizing the amending of the Equal Opportunity Compliance Program for the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc. A motion was made by Mr. David Pemberton to approve resolution 3061 and was seconded by Judge Weaver. Motion carried.

In the Executive Director's report Mr. Willis reported on the first round of strategic assessment meetings, informing the board that the meetings have gone well and there has been a positive response from those in attendance. The second round will begin in July and will be more in depth with larger groups of both community leaders and elected officials. He also briefly discussed the ongoing resolution discussions with the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services that resulted from the findings in the Arkansas Legislative Audit report. A short discussion was also had on the GIF lawsuit currently in progress.
Chairman Fowler’s comments included his thoughts on the aforementioned GIF lawsuit, the impacts of impending changes from the Affordable Care Act, the controversy surrounding Arkansas Works and its impact on turn back funds for counties and cities.

Discussion of the date for the next Board of Directors meeting was had and was tentatively scheduled for June 22, 2016.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on a motion by Judge Ott and seconded by Judge Weaver. The motion carried unanimously.

[Signatures]

Chairman

Date: 6/29/16

Secretary

Date: 6/29/16
Applicant: Norfork Fire Protection District
Project: Funding to purchase supplies to install 911 address numbers in the rural areas of the district.
Grant Amount: $1,000.00
Grant Number: 116-18-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 503 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Norfork
Project: Funding to purchase computer equipment for city hall.
Grant Amount: $1,000.00
Grant Number: 117-18-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 503 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Rodney-Jordan Fire Protection District (Baxter County)
Project: Funding to insulate a recent addition to the fire station.
Grant Amount: $1,000.00
Grant Number: 118-18-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 503 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Henderson VFD (Baxter County)
Project: Funding to aid in the purchase of a tanker truck.
Grant Amount: $1,000.00
Grant Number: 119-18-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 503 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Oasis of NWA
Project: Funding for training materials, operational costs, and drug screenings for participants in the workforce training program for women survivors of addiction, abuse, and incarceration.
Grant Amount: $2,500.00
Grant Number: 120-95-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Bella Vista Courtesy Van, Inc.
Project: Funding for operating costs for transporting individuals who can longer drive due to age/health.
Grant Amount: $2,500.00
Grant Number: 121-95-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Gravette School District
Project: Funding for the purchase of three I-pads for the music department and a subscription to “Smart Music” to be used on the I-pads.
Grant Amount: $1,052.70
Grant Number: 122-02-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 471 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Prairie Grove Police Department
Project: Funding to purchase and fully equip a new police car.
Grant Amount: $28,000.00
Grant Number: 123-02-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 471 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Prairie Grove Senior Center
Project: Funding to aid in the purchase of fuel and food for the “Meals on Wheels” program.
Grant Amount: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 124-02-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 471 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Lincoln Senior Center
Project: Funding to aid in the purchase of a hot shot truck for the “Meals on Wheels” program.
Grant Amount: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 125-02-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 471 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Billy V. Hall Senior Center (Gravette, AR)
Project: Funding to aid in the purchase of a vehicle for the “Meals on Wheels” program.
Grant Amount: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 126-02-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 471 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Gravette School District
Project: Funding to purchase equipment/tools for the school’s certification program with NTI.
Grant Amount: $27,135.00
Grant Number: 127-02-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 471 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: The Call of NWA
Project: Funding for operating costs/promotional materials to increase the number of quality foster and adoptive homes in NWA.
Grant Amount: $50,000.00
Grant Number: 128-02-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 471 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Siloam Springs Senior Center
Project: Funding to assist with the costs of paving the senior center parking lot.
Grant Amount: $11,000.00
Grant Number: 129-02-87-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 471 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Soldier on Service Dogs, Inc. (Fayetteville, AR)
Project: Funding to purchase three AC units and one heating unit at the organization's new facility.
Grant Amount: $4,978.00
Grant Number: 130-86-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Boys & Girls Club of Benton County
Project: Funding to refurbish and repair interior & exterior playground equipment.
Grant Amount: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 131-94-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: NWA Fitness & Health
Project: Funding to purchase software/hardware for free online fitness & health videos to help prevent obesity in school-aged children.
Grant Amount: $3,000.00
Grant Number: 132-94-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Elm Springs
Project: Funding to assist with the costs of repairs at the city park and electrical upgrades at various city facilities.
Grant Amount: $6,000.00
Grant Number: 133-87-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Loving Choices Pregnancy Center (Fayetteville)
Project: Funding to purchase cribs, car seats, and pack-n-plays for the center’s clients.
Grant Amount: $4,000.00
Grant Number: 134-84-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum
Project: Funding to assist in paying for the transportation costs associated with moving the U.S.S. Hoga from CA to AR.
Grant Amount: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 135-84-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Greenland
Project: Funding to aid in the purchase of two heat/air units and to install a wireless projector for the community center.
Grant Amount: $4,700.00
Grant Number: 136-84-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Arkansas Air & Military Museum
Project: Funding for having a detailed planning study performed to assess the fundraising capability of the museum.
Grant Amount: $12,000.00
Grant Number: 137-07-84-88-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 444 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Ozark Natural Science Center (Huntsville)
Project: Funding to assist with a variety of projects/operating costs associated with the center.
Grant Amount: $2,500.00
Grant Number: 138-04-97-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 474 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Gateway
Project: Funding to aid in the purchase of equipment to help start a police department for the city.
Grant Amount: $18,000.00
Grant Number: 139-03-96-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 473 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: City of Sulphur Springs  
Project: Funding to aid in the upgrade of the access road that connects Sulphur Springs to I-49.  
Grant Amount: $25,000.00  
Grant Number: 140-92-03-16  
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Sulphur Springs  
Project: Funding to install an HVAC system at the city museum.  
Grant Amount: $3,000.00  
Grant Number: 141-92-03-16  
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Sulphur Springs  
Project: Funding to complete the electrical work on a newly completed bridge and to make improvements to the sewer plant.  
Grant Amount: $3,000.00  
Grant Number: 142-92-03-16  
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Crawford County  
Project: Funding for the local match for a FEMA approved multi-hazard mitigation plan.  
Grant Amount: $2,000.00  
Grant Number: 143-81-03-16  
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Arkansas Forestry Commission  
Project: Funding for the renovation of AR Forestry Commission county office located in Searcy County.  
Grant Amount: $7,000.00  
Grant Number: 144-83-03-16  
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Jasper  
Project: Funding for the purchase of a trailer with a hydraulic lift.  
Grant Amount: $4,099.00  
Grant Number: 145-16-83-03-16  
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 481 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Newton County Sheriff’s Office  
Project: Funding for the purchase of a vehicle for the sheriff’s department.  
Grant Amount: $22,500.00  
Grant Number: 146-16-03-16  
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 481 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Madison County
Project: Funding to install ceiling panels & insulation, upgrade the plumbing, and paint the concrete floor at the Kingston community building.
Grant Amount: $20,000.00
Grant Number: 147-05-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 482 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Carroll County
Project: Funding to convert existing space at the Carroll County Detention Center into the county’s 911 Dispatch Center.
Grant Amount: $29,620.37
Grant Number: 148-05-97-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 482 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Bentonville Public Library
Project: Funding for the purchase of 28 Samsung Galaxy Nooks & other computer equipment.
Grant Amount: $3,000.00
Grant Number: 149-93-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Havenwood
Project: Funding for the expansion of the children’s program curriculum.
Grant Amount: $2,000.00
Grant Number: 150-93-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Baxter County Office of Emergency Management
Project: Funding to assist in the purchase of a Motorola P25 AWI/N radio to be installed at the 911 dispatch center.
Grant Amount: $6,400.00
Grant Number: 151-17-99-100-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 748 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Diamond City Police Department
Project: Funding to aid in the purchase of in-vehicle camera equipment for patrol cars.
Grant Amount: $6,500.00
Grant Number: 152-17-99-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 748 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: City of Gassville
Project: Funding to purchase six tasers for the city's police department.
Grant Amount: $6,000.00
Grant Number: 153-17-99-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 748 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Cotter
Project: Funding for renovations to the exterior of the North Arkansas Youth Center in Cotter.
Grant Amount: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 154-17-99-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 748 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Searcy County
Project: Funding for the purchase of new bases and dirt work at the baseball/softball field located at the Searcy County Civic Center.
Grant Amount: $1,200.00
Grant Number: 155-83-03-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

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- Mayor Joe Dillard, Mountain Home

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Board Members absent were:

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Judge Frank Weaver, Madison County
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Guests present were:

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Mayor Jeff Brain, Gassville
Tony Flippin, Gassville
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Bobby Ballinger, Field Representative for Congressman Bruce Westerman
Joseph Didden, Field Representative for Congressman Rick Crawford
Tom Freking, NTI, Springdale
Jeff Carroll, High Street Consulting Group
Michael Henry, AHTD
Lawrence Blood, Holiday Island SID
Richard Sheid, Norfork
Andrew Hefley, Gepp
David Holsted, Harrison Daily Times
Steve Lawrence, AHTD
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Chairman Fowler stated that the first item of business on the agenda was to fill the vacancy in Benton County. Mr. Kevin Gambrill moved to nominate Mayor Peter Christie of Bella Vista and Mayor Joe Dillard seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the March 30, 2016 meeting were presented and approved unanimously on a motion by Mayor Joe Dillard and seconded by Judge Warren Campbell.

The next item of business was discussion of the locality contribution report. Executive Director Willis recognized new members that have paid since the last meeting. The locality contribution report shows that over 90% of 2016 dues have been paid.

A presentation was made by Mr. Jeff Carroll, High Street Consulting Group and Mr. Kevin Henry, Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department regarding the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department – Long Range Intermodal Transportation Plan.

Mr. Steve Clark, President/CEO, Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce discussed the Issue No. 3 - Jobs for Arkansas.

Following the presentation Chairman Fowler asked if there was any discussion or if there were any questions regarding the Jobs for Arkansas – Issue No. 3. A motion to approve resolution no. 3062 supporting Issue No. 3 was made by Major Dillard and seconded by Mr. Bill Witty and it carried without dissent.

In the Executive Director’s report Director Willis reported on the transfer of ownership of the building from NWACDC to NWAEDD. NWACDC agreed to transfer title ownership to NWAEDD. He also briefly discussed the progress of the 2015 Audit. The auditors were very complimentary and saw great progress. Executive Director Willis informed the board that monitors from the Department of Workforce Services conducted a review. There are a few items that the staff is collecting but overall their assessment was positive. Additionally the staff continues to work on a variety of grant opportunities.

Chairman Fowler stated that the next item of business was to fill the vacancy on the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) committee. The Executive Committee recommended Mr. Neal Gibson for the position. Mr. Woodie Methvin nominated Mr. Gibson for the position and it was seconded by Judge Terry Ott. Motion carried.

The next item of business was the approval of the 2016 budget and five salary adjustments. Motion to approve the budget and salary adjustments as recommended by Executive Director Willis was made by Judge Ott and seconded by Mayor Dillard. Motion carried.
Executive Director Willis discussed the approval/ratification of 401(k) committee. Chairman Fowler asked for a motion for approval of the committee membership. Motion to approve was made by Mayor Dan Sherrell and seconded by Mr. Witty. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Fowler stated that the next items of business would be the General Improvement Fund Policy Amendment and Grant Administrative Fee Structure Policy discussed by Deputy Director Jeremy Ragland. The General Improvement Fund Policy Amendment was reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting on June 9, 2016. After a brief discussion a motion to approve was made by Judge Mickey Pendergrass and seconded by Mayor Butch Berry. Motion carried.

The district has never had a Grant Administrative Fee Structure Policy. Deputy Director Ragland discussed the Grant Administrative Fee Structure and stated that this spells out the fee structure for grant writing performed by district staff. After a brief discussion Chairman Fowler requested a motion to approve the Grant Administrative Fee Structure Policy. Motion was made by Mr. Steve Clark and seconded by Judge Ott. Motion carried.

Chairman Fowler stated that the review of General Improvement Grant applications submitted to NWAEDD was the next order of business.

Deputy Director Ragland stated that Grant Number 139-03-96-03-16 approved by the NWAEDD Board of Directors for the City of Gateway at the March 2016 meeting has been withdrawn and the check has been returned by the City of Gateway due to the would be police chief resigning prior to the police department officially being created. The City of Gateway no longer has intentions to start a police department. This information was relayed to NWAEDD in a letter from Gateway Mayor Frank Heckler.

**Applicant:** City of Gateway  
**Project:** Funding to aid in the purchase of equipment to help start a police department for the city.  
**Grant Amount:** $18,000.00  
**Grant Number:** 139-03-96-03-16

After review and discussion of the GIF 2015 applications 156-172 (list attached), Judge Campbell made a motion to approve the General Improvement Fund applications as presented. Judge Ott seconded the motion. Motion carried with Mayor Tim McKinney abstaining.

Discussion of the date for the next Board of Directors meeting was had and was tentatively scheduled for September 21, 2016.
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There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. on a motion by Mayor McKinney and seconded by Mayor Berry. The motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman

Date: 9/21/16

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Secretary

Date: 10/17/16
Grant Number 139-03-96-03-16 approved by the NWAEDD Board of Directors for the City of Gateway at the March 2016 meeting has been withdrawn and the check has been returned by the City of Gateway due to the would be police chief resigning prior to the police department officially being created. The City of Gateway no longer has intentions to start a police department. This information was relayed to NWAEDD in a letter from Gateway Mayor Frank Heckler.

Applicant: City of Gateway
Project: Funding to aid in the purchase of equipment to help start a police department for the city.
Grant Amount: $18,000.00
Grant Number: 139-03-96-03-16

Applicant: Baxter County Sheriff’s Office
Project: Funding to assist in the purchase of a Motorola P25 AWIN radio to be installed at the Sheriff’s Office.
Grant Amount: $7,000.00
Grant Number: 156-17-18-99-100-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 503, 748, and 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Serenity, Inc. (Baxter County)
Project: Funding to assist in the purchase of a LED sign for the organization’s domestic violence shelter serving Baxter & Marion Counties.
Grant Amount: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 157-100-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Glade Community Historical Society (Benton County)
Project: Funding to assist in the restoration of the building that once served as the Glade Post Office.
Grant Amount: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 158-03-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 473 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: God’s Pantry (Benton County)
Project: Funding to renovate the facility’s garage to allow the organization’s box truck to be parked in it.
Grant Amount: $4,000.00
Grant Number: 159-03-96-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 473 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Loving Choices Pregnancy Center (Benton County)
Project: Funding to construct a new facility in Rogers to allow better service for Benton County.
Grant Amount: $19,000.00
Grant Number: 160-03-90-96-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 473 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: American Legion Post 61 (Yellville, AR)
Project: Funding for a new roof and other renovations/improvements to the organization’s building.
Grant Amount: $13,759.00
Grant Number: 161-99-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Tontitown Police Department
Project: Funding for the purchase of body cameras and computer equipment.
Grant Amount: $7,653.55
Grant Number: 162-87-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Sheep Dog Impact Assistance
Project: Funding for travel & lodging for combat wounded veterans to attend a scuba-diving adventure on Lake Ouachita in August 2016.
Grant Amount: $2,500.00
Grant Number: 163-93-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Lakeview
Project: Funding for the purchase of a new phone system for city hall.
Grant Amount: $3,799.00
Grant Number: 164-17-100-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 748 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Farmington Fire Department
Project: Funding for the purchase of three air packs for the department.
Grant Amount: $20,000.00
Grant Number: 165-04-85-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 474 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Arkansas Support Network (Springdale, AR)
Project: Funding to support program costs and operating expenses for the organization’s summer camps for children with disabilities, day treatment programs for adults, and training for parents of children with disabilities.
Grant Amount: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 166-04-86-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 474 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Jeremiah House (Green Forest, AR)
Project: Funding to support program costs and operating expenses for the organization’s recovery home for women who have survived lives subjected to addiction, prostitution, human trafficking, and sexual abuse as a child and/or homelessness.
Grant Amount: $1,500.00
Grant Number: 167-97-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Theatre Squared (Fayetteville, AR)
Project: Funding to purchase equipment for the organization’s school tour program, improvements to the scene shop, and construction costs for its new facility.
Grant Amount: $19,252.00
Grant Number: 168-04-85-86-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 474 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District
Project: Funding to purchase water leak detection equipment that will allow the water department to narrow search areas for leaks.
Grant Amount: $11,749.00
Grant Number: 169-05-97-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 482 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Tutoring Resources of Arkansas (Rogers, AR)
Project: Funding to aid in the costs of renovating an existing office space into a thrift store that will support the organization.
Grant Amount: $7,000.00
Grant Number: 170-90-96-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Centerton Police Department
Project: Funding to purchase equipment and supplies for the department's newly organized special response unit.
Grant Amount: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 171-91-93-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Harrison Fire Department
Project: Funding to purchase a structural turnout washing machine to install at Fire Station #1.
Grant Amount: $8,989.99
Grant Number: 172-17-06-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 748 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Total 156-172: $151,202.54
Total 1-172: $1,640,730.24
Remaining 2015 GIF Funds: $734,769.76
Chairman Wes Fowler called to order the Board of Directors Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 10:17 a.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at the John Paul Hammerschmidt Conference Center, Harrison, Arkansas.

Board Members present were:

**Baxter County**
Judge Mickey Pendergrass, Baxter County
Mayor Joe Dillard, Mountain Home

**Benton County**
Mayor Peter Christie, Bella Vista
Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge

**Boone County**
Judge Robert Hathaway, Boone County
Mayor Dan Sherrell, Harrison

**Carroll County**
Judge Sam Barr, Carroll County
Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville
Mayor Robert Berry, Eureka Springs

**Madison County**
Mr. David Pemberton, 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
Mr. Neal Gibson, Newton County
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Searcy County
Judge Jim Harness, Searcy County

Washington County
Ms. Renee Biby, Washington County

Board Members absent were:

Mr. Eddie Majeste, Mountain Home
Mr. Kevin Gambrill, Benton County
Mr. Bill Witty, Boone County
Judge Frank Weaver, Madison County
Mr. Layton Lee, Yellville
Mayor Jan Larson, Jasper
Mr. Woodie Methvin, Searcy County
Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale
Mr. Steve Clark, Washington County

Guests present were:

Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall
Mayor Talitha Hardin, Leslie
Mayor Bill Edwards, Centerton
Mayor Tobey Norberg, Summit
Kathryn Gough, Field Representative for Senator John Boozman
Stetson Painter, Field Representative for Senator John Boozman
Morgan Farmer, Field Representative for Senator Tom Cotton
Joseph Didden, Field Representative for Congressman Rick Crawford
Teri Garrett, Field Representative for Congressman Steve Womack
Drew Williams, AEDC
Matt Twyford, AEDC
James White, Harrison Daily Times
Joe Willis, NWAEDD
Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD
Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD
Janie Wheeler, NWAEDD
Jay Stallard, NWAEDD
Tina M. Cole, NWAEDD
Jo Anna Cartwright, NATS
Libby Robinson, NWAEDD
Eddie Treece, NWAEDD
Susan Sangren, NWACDC
Chairman Fowler stated that the first item of business on the agenda was to fill the vacancy in Searcy County. Judge Jim Harness made the motion to nominate Mayor Kevin Elliott of Marshall and Mayor Joe Dillard seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 29, 2016 meeting were presented and approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Neal Gibson and seconded by Judge Warren Campbell.

The next item of business was discussion of the locality contribution report.

Chairman Fowler said the next item of business is Resolution No. 3063 – A Corporate Resolution Approving Purchase of Property. Motion to approve Resolution No. 3063 was made by Mayor Dan Sherrell and seconded by Judge Terry Ott and motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Fowler stated that the next item of business is Resolution No. 3064 – 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 for the North Arkansas Transportation Service (NATS) program in Baxter, Boone, Carroll, Fulton, Izard, Madison, Marion, Newton and Searcy Counties, for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 3064 was made by Mayor Tim McKinney and seconded by Mayor Joe Dillard. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 3065 – 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 of the EDA Planning Grant.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 3065 was made by Mayor Joe Dillard and seconded by Mr. Neal Gibson. Motion carried.

Next item on the agenda was the NWAEDD Financial Statements. Ms. Janine Swirsky discussed the financial statement and what they will look like going forward. Ms. Renee Biby made the motion for the financial statements to be provided to the Board on a quarterly basis. Motion was seconded by Judge Mickey Pendergrass. Motion carried.

Chairman Fowler stated that the next item on the agenda was the Audit Committee Report.

Director Willis discussed the findings in the 2015 Audit Report. After a brief discussion of findings Ms. Biby made the motion for the approval of the 2015 Audit and seconded by Judge Campbell. Motion carried.
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In the Executive Director’s report Director Willis reported that the parking lot at the office had been resealed and restriped. He also reported that the district was working on an Emergency Action Plan and was in the process of having emergency plan staff training. Director Willis reported on the DRA project with a ribbon cutting of the Industrial Park Reopening of the Railroad Spur in Yellville. Mayor Shawn Lane commented that is was a great event. Director Willis discussed the funding of three Economic Development Administration projects – Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce received $450,000.00 for NWA Regional Robotics Training Center and Fab Lab, Benton County received $551,013.00 to help complete the Spanker Creek Bridge Project, and the Arkansas World Trade Center received $400,000.00 to promote expansion of exports from Arkansas.

Chairman Fowler stated that the review of General Improvement Grant applications submitted to NWAEDDD was the next order of business.

After review and discussion of the GIF 2015 applications 173-195 (list attached), Mayor Dillard made a motion to approve the General Improvement Fund applications as presented. Mayor Robert Berry seconded the motion. Motion carried with Mayor Tim McKinney abstaining.

Deputy Director Jeremy Ragland discussed the district helping with the scoring of the City of Yellville procurement of its trash providers. Also Deputy Director Ragland discussed the IRT meeting with the Health Department officials in October and another meeting in November with the military and stated that by the next board meeting we would have more details about the free clinic.

Discussion of the date for the next Board of Directors meeting was had and was tentatively scheduled for December 14, 2016.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m. on a motion by Judge Campbell and seconded by Mr. Gibson. The motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman

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Secretary

Date: 3-23-17

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Applicant: West Fork Police Department
Project: Funding for the purchase of electronic equipment for patrol cars and for department members to attend an advanced police officer survival training course.
Grant Amount: $9,970.80
Grant Number: 173-81-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: City of Johnson
Project: Funding to aid in the purchase of a wide area mower which will replace three mowers that the city has utilized for over a decade.
Grant Amount: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 174-88-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Carroll County Sheriff’s Office
Project: Funding to purchase 25 body cameras and a variety of body camera accessories.
Grant Amount: $4,985.00
Grant Number: 175-97-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Serenity, Inc. (Baxter County)
Project: Funding for the construction of a privacy fence at the organization’s facility that will allow residents to have a safe area for their children and pets.
Grant Amount: $2,500.00
Grant Number: 176-100-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Arkansas State University – Mountain Home
Project: Funding to aid in the purchase of equipment to be used at the ASU-Mountain Home Technical Center.
Grant Amount: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 177-100-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Micah’s House (Rogers, AR)
Project: Funding for the organization’s M68 mentoring program for young men ages 18-25 that are aging out foster care and/or facing housing insecurity. The goal of the project is to better prepare participants for a self-supporting lifestyle by providing life skills training, relationship development, and safe housing.
Grant Amount: $2,500.00
Grant Number: 178-95-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Old Camp Kia Kima
Project: Funding to aid in the purchase of chairs & tables for its activity building, the renovation of its maintenance building, new tables in the dining hall, and the resurfacing of the concrete floor of the dining hall. The Old Kia Kima Preservation Association is a non-profit association that owns and operates the camp for youth organizations all over Arkansas to utilize at no cost.
Grant Amount: $15,000.00
Grant Number: 179-95-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Open Avenues (Rogers, AR)
Project: Funding to aid in the cost of maintenance, fuel, and operation of the organization’s nine buses that run six routes in NWA. Open Avenues helps people with disabilities achieve integrated, traditional employment by providing complete job placement & training assistance, including; career exploration, résumé building, and mock interview sessions.
Grant Amount: $4,000.00
Grant Number: 180-94-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: American Legion Post 100 (Rogers, AR)
Project: Funding to aid in the cost of upgrading the heat & air conditioning system for the organization’s meeting hall.
Grant Amount: $2,000.00
Grant Number: 181-94-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Children’s Advocacy Center of Benton County
Project: Funding to purchase a variety of furnishings for the newly remodeled center, including; tables, chairs, shelves, etc. This organization serves children 18 and under who have been abused. In 2015 the CAC opened 790 cases and since 2000 have seen over 7,000 children.
Grant Amount: $12,000.00
Grant Number: 182-90-94-96-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Children’s Safety Center (Springdale, AR)
Project: Funding to purchase material and supplies for the organization’s new Stewards of Children program that focuses on child abuse prevention education for adults. The goal of the program is to serve 500 adults from various area corporations, youth organizations, and churches.
Grant Amount: $7,500.00
Grant Number: 183-88-97-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Soldier on Service Dogs (Fayetteville, AR)
Project: Funding for electrical upgrades, including 200 amp electrical service to the main building and the installation of the proper outlets for a washer & dryer. This organization provides quality service dogs, education, and training to veterans diagnosed with PTSD within a 50 mile radius of Fayetteville.
Grant Amount: $4,746.69
Grant Number: 184-86-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Seven Hills Homeless Shelter (Fayetteville, AR)
Project: Funding for operating costs of the organization’s homeless day center that provides a variety of services such as; meals, showers, laundry, clothing, blankets, telephone, computers, transportation, groceries, counseling, job postings, etc. The ultimate goal of the program is to offer the homeless access to resources that allow them to move forward towards employment, housing, and self-sufficiency.
Grant Amount: $10,000.00
Grant Number: 185-84-86-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Genesis House (Siloam Springs, AR)
Project: Funding for the organization’s new Street Outreach Program that provides transportation for clients to job interviews, career centers, and places of employment. The Genesis House is a homeless day center that focuses on providing a safe place of shelter and support for the underserved members of the community.
Grant Amount: $1,000.00
Grant Number: 186-87-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Potter’s House (Fayetteville, AR)
Project: Funding to expand the Potter’s House Academy and the Potter’s House High School Leadership Program. The Potter’s House Academy is an afterschool program that provides academic tutoring for impoverished K-12 students. The High School Leadership Program is an eight week summer program that focuses on community service, job training, & leadership development.
Grant Amount: $7,500.00
Grant Number: 187-02-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 471 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: Fayetteville Public Library
Project: Funding to aid in the purchase of three new motorized wheelchairs which will be provided for free use to library visitors to allow easier access to the library’s collections, technology, events, and facilities.
Grant Amount: $15,000.00
Grant Number: 188-04-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 474 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Good Shepherd Humane Society (Carroll County)
Project: Funding to provide the interior furnishings, i.e., flooring, paint, window HVAC, etc. for the facility’s new “meet & greet room” that will allow a place for prospective families to spend time with animals they are interested in adopting.
Grant Amount: $16,887.92
Grant Number: 189-05-09-19-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 482 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Ozark Arts Council (Harrison, AR)
Project: Funding for repairs and upgrades at the Lyric Theater with specific emphasis on repairing water damage to the walls & floors and updating electrical needs in the theater lobby.
Grant Amount: $6,250.00
Grant Number: 190-17-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 748 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Regional National Cemetery Improvement Corp. (Fayetteville, AR)
Project: Funding to aid in the costs of clearing the property purchased by the organization located at 605 South Government Avenue and to assist in paying off the loan that was taken out to purchase the property. This property will be used to continue to bury military veterans in Northwest Arkansas.
Grant Amount: $15,000.00
Grant Number: 191-02-84-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 471 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Single Parent Scholarship Fund of NWA
Project: Funding for scholarships for low-income single parents.
Grant Amount: $5,812.30
Grant Number: 192-02-84-88-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 471 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly
Applicant: City of Siloam Springs
Project: Funding for the “Gateway Project” that is creating the city’s premier identification & welcome area on US Highway 412 at the Oklahoma/Arkansas border.
Grant Amount: $5,000.00
Grant Number: 193-02-87-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 471 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Lester C. Howick Animal Shelter (Washington County)
Project: Funding to aid in the installation of a 400’ concrete walkway around the perimeter of the outside exercise area.
Grant Amount: $7,500.00
Grant Number: 194-84-86-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Act 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Applicant: Community Clinic (Springdale, AR)
Project: Funding for the purchase of medical equipment that will allow the clinic to adequately test for Jaundice. Community Clinic is NWA’s largest healthcare safety net providing care to over 35,000 low income and underserved individuals.
Grant Amount: $6,374.05
Grant Number: 195-04-90-09-16
Supported by funds appropriated through Acts 474 & 818 of the 90th Arkansas General Assembly

Total 173-195: $176,526.76
Total 1-195: $1,817,257.00
Remaining 2015 GIF Funds: $558,243.00