

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF HYBRID MEETING

JANUARY 26, 2022

Chairman Frank Weaver called to order the Board of Directors Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:05 a.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at the North Arkansas College – South Campus, John Paul Hammerschmidt Conference Center, 1515 Pioneer Drive, Harrison, Arkansas.

The following entities of government were represented:

Baxter County

Judge Mickey Pendergrass, Baxter County
Mayor Hillrey Adams, Mountain Home (Video)
Dani Pugsley, Mountain Home (Video)

Benton County

Judge Barry Moehring, Benton County (Video)
Mayor Peter Christie, Bella Vista
Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge (Video)

Boone County

Judge Robert Hathaway, Boone County
Mayor Jerry Jackson, Harrison

Carroll County

Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville
Mayor Robert “Butch” Berry, Eureka Springs (Video)

Madison County

Judge Frank Weaver, Madison County
Nancy Marsh, Huntsville (Video)
Brandi Holt, Huntsville (Video)

Marion County

Judge John Massey, Marion County
Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville (Video)
Layton Lee, Yellville (Video)

Newton County

Mayor Jan Larson, Jasper (Video)

Searcy County

Woodie Methvin, St. Joe (Video)

Washington County

Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale
Steve Clark, Fayetteville

Board Members absent were:

Bill Witty, Harrison
Judge Warren Campbell, Newton County
Neal Gibson, Western Grove
Judge Jim Harness, Searcy County
Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall
Judge Joseph Wood, Washington County

Guests present were:

Mayor Jeff Braim, Gassville
Elijah Snow, Senator Boozman's Office
Teri Garrett, Congressman Womack's Office (Video)
Chris Hoover, Senator Cotton's Office (Video)
Hannah Henderson, Senator Boozman's Office (Video)
Phillip Patterson, Siloam Springs (Video)
Arthur Hulbert, Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce (Video)
Megan Bolinder, NWACC
Joe Willis, NWAEDD
Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD
Jack Chisum, NWAEDD
Greg LaBonte, NWAEDD
Libby Robinson, NWAEDD
Susan Sangren, NWAEDD
Shana Nodine, NWAEDD
Patty Methvin, NWAEDD
Tina M. Cole, NWAEDD
Catherine Baker, NWAEDD
Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD
James Moss, NWAEDD

The first order of business was the approval of minutes of the October 27, 2021, meeting which were presented and approved without dissent on a motion by Mayor Doug Sprouse and seconded by Mayor Peter Christie.

The next item of business on the agenda was the review of the 2021 Locality Contributions Report. Director Willis discussed the report and offered to answer any questions.

Next was the review of the Employee Personnel Handbook. Director Willis provided a review of the handbook and answered questions from the members. A motion to approve the handbook was made by Mayor Christie and seconded by Mayor Tim McKinney. The motion was unanimous.

The review of the district financial reports for December 31, 2021 was made. Director Willis provided an overview of the reports and answered questions. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mayor Christie and seconded by Mayor Sprouse and the motion carried unanimously.

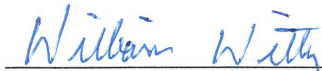
Next was the review of 2022 NWAEDD Budget. Director Willis provided a review of the budget and answered questions from the members. A motion to approve was made by Mayor Christie and seconded by Mayor McKinney. The motion was unanimous.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m. on a motion by Judge Mickey Pendergrass and seconded by Judge John Massey. The motion carried unanimously.



Chairman

Date: 7/27/2022



Secretary

Date: 7-27-2022

ANNUAL MEETING
OF
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 27, 2022

Chairman Frank Weaver welcomed and called to order the Annual Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:19 a.m., Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at the John Paul Hammerschmidt Conference Center – South Campus, 1515 Pioneer Drive, Harrison, Arkansas.

The following entities of government were represented:

Baxter County

Mayor Jeff Braim, Gassville
Dani Pugsley, Mountain Home

Benton County

Judge Barry Moehring, Benton County
Mayor Peter Christie, Bella Vista
Mayor Bill Edwards, Centerton (Video)
Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge

Boone County

Mayor Jerry Jackson, Harrison

Carroll County

Judge Ronda Griffin, Carroll County
Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville
Mayor Robert “Butch” Berry, Eureka Springs

Madison County

Judge Frank Weaver, Madison County
Brandi Holt, Huntsville (Video)

Marion County

Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville
Mr. Layton Lee, Yellville (Video)

Newton County

Judge Warren Campbell, Newton County
Mayor Jan Larson, Jasper

Searcy County

Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall
Mr. Woodie Methvin, St. Joe

Washington County

Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale
Steve Clark, Fayetteville (Video)

Guests present were:

Miss Arkansas Ebony Mitchell
Hulene Ongola, Miss Arkansas
Roy Ragland, Chief of Staff, Arkansas House of Representatives
David Branscum, Arkansas Department of ED
Ron McNair, State Representative
Jack Fortner, State Representative
Kevin Litty, Baxter County
Trish Beck, Baxter County
Scott Miller, BCEDC
Spree Ragland, KCWD
Ashley Farrar (Video)
John Evans, Landmark PLC
Arthur Hulbert, Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce (Video)
Elijah Snow, Field Representative for Senator Boozman
Stacey McClure, Field Representative for Senator Boozman
Stetson Painter, Field Representative for Congressman Crawford
Chris Hoover, Field Representative for Senator Cotton
Brittany Parker, Field Representative for Senator Cotton
Jordan Hale, Field Representative for Representative Womack
Bob Largent, Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce
Nathan See, Pea Ridge
Drew Williams, Baldwin & Shell (Video)
Sandy Martin (Video)
Joe Willis, NWAEDD
Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD
Libby Robinson, NWAEDD
Chelsey Weaver, NWAEDD
Patty Methvin, NWAEDD
Tina M. Cole, NWAEDD
Susan Sangren, NWAEDD
Catherine Baker, NWAEDD
Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD
Kindall Brewer, NWAEDD
Taff Grice, NWAEDD (Video)
Shana King, NWAEDD

Karen Henry, NWAEDD
April Turner, NWAEDD (Video)
James Moss, NWAEDD
Carole Shaver, NWAEDD
Melba Miller, NWAEDD
Chris Kellem, NWAEDD
Nadine Sewak, NWAEDD
Rose Sparrow, NWAEDD
Tim Simpson, NWAEDD
Rebecca McWilliams, NWAEDD
Katie Causey, NWAEDD
Jack Chisum, NWAEDD
Greg LaBonte, NWAEDD

Chairman Weaver said the first item of business was minutes of the July 21, 2021 meeting that were presented and approved on a motion by Judge Barry Moehring and seconded by Judge Warren Campbell.

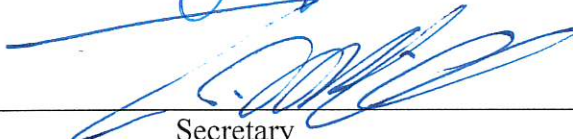
Chairman Weaver called on Deputy Director Jeremy Ragland to present the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District 2021 Annual Report. Mr. Ragland reported on the activities and achievements of the District for the fiscal year 2021 while receiving comments and answering questions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m., on motion by Mayor Doug Sprouse and seconded by Mayor Peter Christie. The motion unanimously carried.



Chairman

Date: 7/19/23



Secretary

Date: 7/19/23

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF HYBRID MEETING

JULY 27, 2022

Chairman Frank Weaver called to order the Board of Directors Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:20 a.m., Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at the North Arkansas College – South Campus, John Paul Hammerschmidt Conference Center, 1515 Pioneer Drive, Harrison, Arkansas.

The following entities of government were represented:

Baxter County

Dani Pugsley, Mountain Home

Benton County

Judge Barry Moehring, Benton County

Mayor Peter Christie, Bella Vista

Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge

Boone County

Mayor Jerry Jackson, Harrison

Carroll County

Judge Ronda Griffin, Carroll County

Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville

Mayor Robert “Butch” Berry, Eureka Springs

Madison County

Judge Frank Weaver, Madison County

Brandi Holt, Huntsville (Video)

Marion County

Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville

Layton Lee, Yellville (Video)

Newton County

Judge Warren Campbell, Newton County

Mayor Jan Larson, Jasper

Searcy County

Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall

Woodie Methvin, St. Joe

Washington County

Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale
Steve Clark, Fayetteville (Video)

Board Members absent were:

Judge Mickey Pendergrass, Baxter County
Mayor Hillrey Adams, Mountain Home
Judge Robert Hathaway, Boone County
Bill Witty, Harrison
Nancy Marsh, Huntsville
Neal Gibson, Western Grove
Judge Jim Harness, Searcy County
Judge Joseph Wood, Washington County

Guests present were:

Mayor Jeff Braim, Gassville
Mayor Bill Edwards, Centerton (Video)
Miss Arkansas Ebony Mitchell
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Roy Ragland, Chief of Staff, Arkansas House of Representatives
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Ron McNair, State Representative
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Ashley Farrar (Video)
John Evans, Landmark CPA
Arthur Hulbert, Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce (Video)
Elijah Snow, Field Representative for Senator Boozman
Stacey McClure, Field Representative for Senator Boozman
Stetson Painter, Field Representative for Congressman Crawford
Chris Hoover, Field Representative for Senator Cotton
Brittany Parker, Field Representative for Senator Cotton
Jordan Hale, Field Representative for Representative Womack
Bob Largent, Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce
Nathan See, Pea Ridge
Drew Williams, Baldwin & Shell (Video)
Sandy Martin (Video)
Joe Willis, NWAEDD
Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD
Libby Robinson, NWAEDD

Chelsey Weaver, NWAEDD
Patty Methvin, NWAEDD
Tina M. Cole, NWAEDD
Susan Sangren, NWAEDD
Catherine Baker, NWAEDD
Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD
Kindall Brewer, NWAEDD
Taff Grice, NWAEDD (Video)
Shana King, NWAEDD
Karen Henry, NWAEDD
April Turner, NWAEDD (Video)
James Moss, NWAEDD
Carole Shaver, NWAEDD
Melba Miller, NWAEDD
Chris Kellem, NWAEDD
Nadine Sewak, NWAEDD
Rose Sparrow, NWAEDD
Tim Simpson, NWAEDD
Rebecca McWilliams, NWAEDD
Katie Causey, NWAEDD
Jack Chisum, NWAEDD
Greg LaBonte, NWAEDD

Chairman Weaver asked Mayor Jerry Jackson to introduce the guest speaker, Miss Arkansas 2022, Ebony Mitchell. Ms. Mitchell spoke briefly about her journey with the Miss Arkansas Association.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes of the January 26, 2022, meeting which were presented and approved without dissent on a motion by Mayor Peter Christie and seconded by Judge Barry Moehring.

A review of the district financial reports for May 31, 2022, was made. Director Joe Willis provided an overview of the reports and answered questions. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mayor Doug Sprouse and seconded by Judge Warren Campbell and the motion was carried unanimously.

The next item of business on the agenda was the review of the 2022 Locality Contributions Report. Director Willis discussed the report and offered to answer any questions.

Chairman Weaver asked Mr. Jeremy Ragland to introduce the Keynote Speaker, Mr. Roy Ragland, Chief of Staff, Arkansas House of Representatives, who spoke about the upcoming special session, items on the call and items that will likely be dealt with in the 2023 session.

Next was the review of the Allowability of Costs Policy and Procedure. Director Willis provided a review of the policy and answered questions from the members. A motion to approve the policy was made by Mayor Christie and seconded by Ms. Trish Beck (proxy for Judge Mickey Pendergrass). The motion was unanimous.

Chairman Weaver introduced Mr. John Evans, Landmark CPA, gave an overview of the 2021 Audit. A motion was made by Mr. Woodie Methvin to approve the 2021 Audit and seconded by Mayor Jan Larsen and the motion was carried unanimously.

Chairman Weaver discussed the Executive Committee meeting held July 27, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. Items discussed were the 2021 NWAEDD Audit, and revision of the NWAEDD bylaws. The Executive Committee nominated the following to serve on the Bylaws Committee:


1. Judge Frank Weaver, Chairman
2. Judge Barry Moehring
3. Mayor Doug Sprouse
4. Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge
5. Mayor Hillrey Adams, Mountain Home
6. Ms. Brandi Holt, Huntsville
7. Mr. Woodie Methvin, Searcy County

Director Willis briefly discussed the grant with the Association of Arkansas Counties (AAC) and the Coroners' Association from the Department of Justice. It is approximately \$1.3 million, and all eight development districts will be participating in this effort. He also mentioned that with the passage of the new Federal Infrastructure bill that there is some funding to assist local jurisdictions with bridge repair and replacement. The district is working with the AAC to determine a path forward to access some of that funding. Additionally, he noted that the district has six EDA projects in process – Berryville, Fayetteville, two in Harrison and two in Springdale. These represent the most ever at one time for the district and are indicative of the relationship between it and EDA, thereby providing enormous resources to these areas.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m. on a motion by Mayor McKinney and seconded by Mayor Sprouse. The motion carried unanimously.


Chairman

Date: 10/20/22


Secretary

Date: 10/22-22

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF HYBRID MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 2022

Chairman Frank Weaver called to order the Board of Directors Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:08 a.m., Thursday, October 20, 2022, at the North Arkansas College – South Campus, John Paul Hammerschmidt Conference Center, 1515 Pioneer Drive, Harrison, Arkansas.

The following entities of government were represented:

Baxter County

Judge Mickey Pendergrass, Baxter County
Mayor Hillrey Adams, Mountain Home

Benton County

Judge Barry Moehring, Benton County
Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge

Boone County

Mayor Jerry Jackson, Harrison

Carroll County

Judge Ronda Griffin, Carroll County
Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville

Madison County

Judge Frank Weaver, Madison County
Brandi Holt, Huntsville
Nancy Marsh, Huntsville (Video)

Marion County

Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville

Newton County

Judge Warren Campbell, Newton County
Mayor Jan Larson, Jasper (Video)
Neal Gibson, Western Grove (Video)

Searcy County

Judge Johnny Hinchey, Searcy County
Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall
Woodie Methvin, St. Joe

Washington County

Judge Joseph Wood, Washington County (Video)
Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale
Steve Clark, Fayetteville

Board Members absent were:

Dani Pugsley, Mountain Home
Mayor Peter Christie, Bella Vista
Judge Robert Hathaway, Boone County
Bill Witty, Harrison
Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry, Eureka Springs
Judge John Massey, Marion County
Layton Lee, Yellville

Guests present were:

Bart Hester, State Senator
Tommy Wren, The Perimeter Group
Emily Cooper Yates, AEDC
Kevin Litty, Baxter County Judge Elect
Tony Horton, Searcy County Judge Elect
Sherry Ragland, Searcy County
Karen Carter, Marion County (Video)
Arthur Hulbert, Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce (Video)
Elijah Snow, Field Representative for Senator Boozman (Video)
Stetson Painter, Field Representative for Congressman Crawford
Brittany Parker, Field Representative for Senator Cotton
Bob Largent, Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce
Joe Willis, NWAEDD
Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD
Libby Robinson, NWAEDD
Chelsey Weaver, NWAEDD
Tina M. Cole, NWAEDD
Catherine Baker, NWAEDD
Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD
Kindall Brewer, NWAEDD
Taff Grice, NWAEDD
Shana King, NWAEDD
Karen Henry, NWAEDD
April Turner, NWAEDD (Video)
Katie Causey, NWAEDD
Jack Chisum, NWAEDD
Michael Breer, NWAEDD
Roxanna McCullough, NWAEDD

The first order of business was the approval of minutes of the July 27, 2022, meeting which were presented and approved without dissent on a motion by Judge Warren Campbell and seconded by Mayor Tim McKinney.

A review of the district financial reports for August 31, 2022, was made. Director Joe Willis provided an overview of the reports and answered questions. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mayor Shawn Lane and seconded by Mayor Doug Sprouse and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item of business on the agenda was the review of the 2022 Locality Contributions Report. Director Willis discussed the report and offered to answer any questions.

The next item of business was the approval of Resolution was No. 3090 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. A motion to approve Resolution No. 3090 was made by Judge Mickey Pendergrass and seconded by Judge Barry Moehring and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Weaver introduced the Guest Speaker, State Senator Bart Hester, who spoke about his life, family and other topics special to him, including prison reform, education, literacy, the foster system, and mental health care. Senator Hester answered many questions regarding mental health for adults, public safety, faith-based programs, tire program, school safety, and preschool education programs.


Director Willis briefly discussed the Innovative Readiness Training which will be held in the cities of Yellville, Mountain Home, and Marshall in 2023. The district had partnered with the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) in 2017 to host an IRT Mission. Additionally, he noted that the district board will be having lots of members retiring. He stated that the next board of directors' meeting will be held on December 7, 2022. Lastly he provided an update on the Coroners' Association from the Department of Justice grant for approximately \$1.3 million.

The next item on the agenda was the review of the proposed bylaws changes. Mr. Willis noted that the bylaws needed to be updated. The bylaws have served the district well since 2015. The bylaws committee had meetings to work on these updates which were mailed to the board 30 days in advance for board approval.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m. on a motion by Mayor McKinney and seconded by Judge Johnny Hinchey. The motion carried unanimously.


Chairman

Date: 12/7/22


Secretary

Date: 12-9-22

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

SPECIAL CALLED BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES OF HYBRID MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 2022

Chairman Frank Weaver called to order the Special Called Board of Directors Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 12:14 p.m., Thursday, October 20, 2022, at the North Arkansas College – South Campus, John Paul Hammerschmidt Conference Center, 1515 Pioneer Drive, Harrison, Arkansas.

The following entities of government were represented:

Baxter County

Judge Mickey Pendergrass, Baxter County
Mayor Hillrey Adams, Mountain Home

Benton County

Judge Barry Moehring, Benton County
Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge

Boone County

Mayor Jerry Jackson, Harrison

Carroll County

Judge Ronda Griffin, Carroll County
Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville

Madison County

Judge Frank Weaver, Madison County
Brandi Holt, Huntsville
Nancy Marsh, Huntsville (Video)

Marion County

Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville

Newton County

Judge Warren Campbell, Newton County
Mayor Jan Larson, Jasper (Video)
Neal Gibson, Western Grove (Video)

Searcy County

Judge Johnny Hinchey, Searcy County
Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall
Woodie Methvin, St. Joe

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Washington County

Judge Joseph Wood, Washington County (Video)

Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale

Steve Clark, Fayetteville

Board Members absent were:

Dani Pugsley, Mountain Home

Mayor Peter Christie, Bella Vista

Judge Robert Hathaway, Boone County

Bill Witty, Harrison

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry, Eureka Springs

Judge John Massey, Marion County

Layton Lee, Yellville

Guests present were:

Bart Hester, State Senator

Tommy Wren, The Perimeter Group

Emily Cooper Yates, AEDC

Kevin Litty, Baxter County Judge Elect

Tony Horton, Searcy County Judge Elect

Sherry Ragland, Searcy County

Karen Carter, Marion County (Video)

Arthur Hulbert, Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce (Video)

Elijah Snow, Field Representative for Senator Boozman (Video)

Stetson Painter, Field Representative for Congressman Crawford

Brittany Parker, Field Representative for Senator Cotton

Bob Largent, Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce

Joe Willis, NWAEDD

Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD

Libby Robinson, NWAEDD

Chelsey Weaver, NWAEDD

Tina M. Cole, NWAEDD

Catherine Baker, NWAEDD

Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD

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Taff Grice, NWAEDD

Shana King, NWAEDD

Karen Henry, NWAEDD

April Turner, NWAEDD (Video)

Katie Causey, NWAEDD

Jack Chisum, NWAEDD

Michael Breer, NWAEDD

Roxanna McCullough, NWAEDD

The first order of business was the approval of the NWAEDD Bylaws which were presented and approved without dissent on a motion by Mayor Doug Sprouse and seconded by Judge Barry Moehring.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. on a motion by Judge Warren Campbell and seconded by Mayor Tim McKinney. The motion carried unanimously.



Chairman

Date: 12/7/22



Secretary

Date: 12-9-22

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF HYBRID MEETING

DECEMBER 7, 2022

Chairman Frank Weaver called to order the Board of Directors Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:09 a.m., Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at the North Arkansas College – South Campus, John Paul Hammerschmidt Conference Center, 1515 Pioneer Drive, Harrison, Arkansas.

The following entities of government were represented:

Baxter County

Judge Mickey Pendergrass, Baxter County
Mayor Hillrey Adams, Mountain Home
Dani Pugsley, Mountain Home

Benton County

Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge

Boone County

Judge Robert Hathaway, Boone County
Mayor Jerry Jackson, Harrison

Carroll County

Judge Ronda Griffin, Carroll County
Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville

Madison County

Judge Frank Weaver, Madison County
Brandi Holt, Huntsville
Nancy Marsh, Huntsville

Marion County

Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville
Layton Lee, Yellville (Video)

Newton County

Mayor Jan Larson, Jasper (Video)
Neal Gibson, Western Grove

Searcy County

Judge Johnny Hinchey, Searcy County
Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall
Woodie Methvin, St. Joe

Washington County

Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale (Video)

Board Members absent were:

Judge Barry Moehring, Benton County
Mayor Peter Christie, Bella Vista
Bill Witty, Harrison
Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry, Eureka Springs
Judge John Massey, Marion County
Judge Warren Campbell, Newton County
Judge Joseph Wood, Washington County
Steve Clark, Fayetteville

Guests present were:

Logan Benson, AEDI
Jim Youngquist, AEDI
Nathan See, Pea Ridge Mayor Elect
Mayor Rob Jones, Everton
Larry Garrett, Madison County Judge Elect
Jason Stumph, Marion County Judge Elect
Tony Horton, Searcy County Judge Elect
Travis Dotson, Huntsville Mayor Elect
David Writer, Carroll County Judge Elect
Michael Thomas, Jasper Mayor Elect
Patrick Deakins, Washington County Judge Elect
Kevin Litty, Baxter County Judge Elect
Brian Lester, Washington County
Jordan Hale, Field Representative for Representative Womack
Ron McNair, State Representative
David Mason, Northark
Bryan King
Emily Cooper Yates, AEDC
Elijah Snow, Field Representative for Senator Boozman (Video)
Brittany Parker, Field Representative for Senator Cotton (Video)
Joe Willis, NWAEDD
Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD
Chelsey Weaver, NWAEDD
Catherine Baker, NWAEDD
Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD
Taff Grice, NWAEDD (Video)
Shana King, NWAEDD
Karen Henry, NWAEDD
April Turner, NWAEDD
Michelle Ryan, NWAEDD

Susan Sangren, NWAEDD
Patty Methvin, NWAEDD
James Moss, NWAEDD (Video)

The first order of business was the approval of minutes of the October 20, 2022, meeting which were presented and approved without dissent on a motion by Judge Johnny Hinchey and seconded by Mayor Shawn Lane.

The next item of business was the approval of minutes of the Special Called October 20, 2022, meeting which were presented and approved without dissent on a motion by Mayor Jackie Crabtree and seconded by Mayor Kevin Elliott.

A review of the district financial reports for September 30, 2022, was made. Director Joe Willis provided an overview of the reports and answered questions. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mayor Tim McKinney and seconded by Judge Mickey Pendergrass and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item of business on the agenda was the review of the 2022 Locality Contributions Report. Director Willis discussed the report and offered to answer any questions.

The next item of business was the approval of Resolution No. 3091, authorizing the Executive Director (Joe Willis) and/or Deputy Director (Jeremy Ragland) to apply for a Rural business Development Enterprise Grant through USDA-Rural Development for the purpose of providing downtown strategies for two communities that are within NWAEDD's legal jurisdiction and that would better enable those communities to enhance and revitalize the downtown area to improve the quality of life and support economic development. A motion to approve Resolution No. 3091 was made by Mayor Jerry Jackson and seconded by Mr. Neal Gibson and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Weaver introduced the Guest Speaker, Senior Master Sergeant James Finley, Medical Program Manager, who spoke about the Innovative Readiness Training – The Premier Military Training Platform for a Secure and Prosperous America.

Chairman Weaver introduced the next Guest Speaker, Jim Youngquist, Executive Director, Arkansas Economic Development Institute (AEDI). Mr. Youngquist discussed the 2023 CEDS.

Chairman Weaver gave an Executive Committee Report stating that the executive committee of the NWAEDD Board of Directors met on November 30, 2022. The committee reviewed the Draft 2023 NWAEDD budget and discussed a recommended change to represent the capital outlay from NATS for the purchase of a number of new vehicles for its fleet. The change was implemented as discussed. The members approved the 2023 Operating Budget and moved to refer it, including all compensation adjustments for staff and Director Willis, to the Board of Directors for approval in its December meeting. A motion to approve the 2023 NWAEDD Budget was made by Woodie Methvin and seconded by Mayor Hillrey Adams and the motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed the 2023 officer positions. After a discussion the committee decided to recommend the following members as the 2023 Officers to the full board for approval.

Chairman	Mayor Doug Sprouse (Washington County)
Vice Chairman	Mayor Shawn Lane (Marion County)
Secretary	Mayor Tim McKinney (Carroll County)
Treasurer	Mr. Bill Witty (Boone County)

A motion to approve the 2023 Officers was made by Mayor Crabtree and seconded by Judge Hinchey and the motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed positions on the 2023 Executive Committee. The following nominations to the executive committee were presented to the full board for approval.

Chairman	Mayor Doug Sprouse (Washington County)
Vice Chairman	Mayor Shawn Lane (Marion County)
Treasurer	Mr. Bill Witty (Boone County)
Secretary	Mayor Tim McKinney (Carroll County)
At-Large	Judge Warren Campbell (Newton County)
At-Large	Mr. Woodie Methvin (Searcy County)
At-Large	Judge Barry Moehring (Benton County)

A motion to approve the 2023 Executive Committee was made by Judge Hinchey and seconded by Mayor Elliott and the motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed positions on the 2023 Audit Committee. The following nominations to the audit committee were presented to the full board for approval.

Chairman	Mayor Doug Sprouse/Mayor Shawn Lane (Washington/Marion Counties)
Treasurer	Mr. Bill Witty (Boone County)
At-Large	Mr. Neal Gibson (Newton County)
At-Large	Mayor Tim McKinney (Carroll County)
At-Large	Mayor Hillrey Adams (Baxter County)
At-Large	Judge Warren Campbell (Newton County)
At-Large	Mayor Kevin Elliott (Searcy County)

A motion to approve the membership of the 2023 Audit Committee was made by Judge Hinchey and seconded by Mayor Crabtree and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Willis discussed the transportation program in Mountain Home. He also informed the board of ongoing talks with Ozark Regional Transit in Washington County to assume its rural transportation operation. Mr. Willis discussed the Rural Economic Specialist position being evaluated by the legislature as well as current EDA projects. Mr. Willis also discussed the Boone County Economic Development Corporation (BCEDC) wanting to wrap up its corporation by disbursing its remaining cash and approximately five acres of land in the Harrison industrial park. BCEDC also wants the district to develop and administer a scholarship program geared primarily to students attending the planned Center for Robotics and Manufacturing Innovation on the campus of North Arkansas College.

Judge Hinchey made the motion to continue with this project and seconded by Judge Pendergrass the motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of certificates in appreciate of their years of service to the district board was made to the following:


- Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge
- Judge Ronda Griffin, Carroll County
- Judge Johnny Hinchey, Searcy County
- Judge Mickey Pendergrass, Baxter County
- Judge Frank Weaver, Madison County

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m. on a motion by Judge Hinchey and seconded by Judge Pendergrass. The motion carried unanimously.



Chairman

Date: 7/19/23



Secretary

Date: 4/19/23