

# NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES OF HYBRID MEETING

APRIL 19, 2023

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Vice Chairman Shawn Lane called to order the Board of Directors Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:03 a.m., Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 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 Kevin Litty, Baxter County  
Mayor Hillrey Adams, Mountain Home (Video)  
Dani Pugsley, Mountain Home

#### Benton County

Judge Barry Moehring, Benton County (Video)  
Mayor Stephanie Orman, Bentonville (Video)  
Mayor Chris Moore, Lowell (Video)  
Mayor Nathan See, Pea Ridge (Video)

#### Boone County

Judge Robert Hathaway, Boone County

#### Carroll County

Judge David Writer, Carroll County  
Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville

#### Madison County

Judge Larry Garrett, Madison County

#### Marion County

Jason Stumph, Marion County  
Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville  
Layton Lee, Yellville (Video)

#### Newton County

Neal Gibson, Western Grove

#### Searcy County

Judge Tony Horton, Searcy County  
Woodie Methvin, St. Joe

Washington County

Judge Patrick Deakins, Washington County  
Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale (Video)  
Chung Tan proxy for Mayor Lioneld Jordan, Fayetteville

Board Members absent were:

Mayor Jerry Jackson, Harrison  
Bill Witty, Harrison  
Mayor Butch Berry, Eureka Springs  
Mayor Travis Dotson, Huntsville  
Mayor Linda Lewis, St. Paul  
Judge Warren Campbell, Newton County  
Mayor Michael Thomas, Jasper  
Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall  
Steve Clark, Fayetteville

Guests present were:

Bart Hester, Arkansas State Senate President  
Ron McNair, State Representative  
David Mason, WFD-NAC  
Bryan King, State Senator  
Emily Yates, AEDC  
Elijah Snow, Field Representative for Congressman Crawford  
Brittany Parker, Field Representative for Senator Cotton (Video)  
Hannah Henderson, Field Representative for Senator Boozman (Video)  
Jay Sherrod, Director of Field Operations for Congressman Crawford  
Gene Higginbotham, Field Representative for Congressman Westerman  
Kelli Lamberson, Field Representative for Congressman Westerman  
Bob Largent, Harrison Chamber of Commerce  
Toinette Madison, Newton County Chamber of Commerce  
Darryl Treat, Searcy County Chamber of Commerce  
Arthur Hulbert, Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Latasha Born, Madison County Judge Assistant  
Joe Willis, NWAEDD  
Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD  
Chelsey Weaver, NWAEDD  
Catherine Baker, NWAEDD  
Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD (Video)  
Kindall Brewer, NWAEDD (Video)  
Shana King, NWAEDD  
Heather Garrett, NWAEDD  
Karen Henry, NWAEDD  
April Turner, NWAEDD (Video)  
Michelle Ryan,,NWAEDD

Katie Causey, NWAEDD  
Susan Sangren, NWAEDD  
Patty Methvin, NWAEDD  
Libby Robinson, NWAEDD  
Tina Cole, NWAEDD  
Jack Chisum, NATS  
Roxanna McCullough, NATS  
Cynthia Williams, NATS  
Greg LaBonte, NATS  
Michael Breer, NATS

The first order of business was the approval of minutes of the December 7, 2023, meeting which were presented and approved without dissent on a motion by Mayor Tim McKinney and seconded by Mr. Neal Gibson.

Vice Chairman Lane recognized the 2023 NWAEDD Board of Directors.

Vice Chairman Lane introduced the Guest Speaker, Bart Hester, Arkansas State Senate President, who spoke about Arkansas teachers' salaries, emptying our local jails, tax reform, water and sewer improvements and broadband.

Director Joe Willis discussed the 2024 Eclipse.

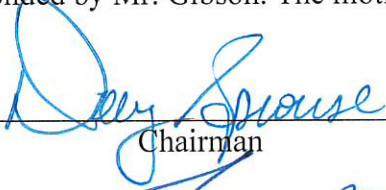
Vice Chairman Lane gave an Executive Committee Report stating that the executive committee of the NWAEDD Board of Directors met on April 12, 2023. The committee reviewed the following NWAEDD policies – Procurement Policy Revision/Adoption, Audio/Video Surveillance Policy, and Gift Card Policy the committee approved to present to the Board of Directors for approval in its April meeting. Director Willis provided an overview of the policies. A motion to approve all of the policies as presented was made by Woodie Methvin and seconded by Ms. Dani Pugsley and the motion carried unanimously.

A review of the district financial report for February 28, 2023, was made. Director Joe Willis provided an summary of the report and answered questions. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mayor McKinney and seconded by Mr. Gibson and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item of business on the agenda was the review of the 2023 Locality Contributions Report. Director Willis discussed the report and offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Willis discussed the ADWS appeals and the scheduled hearing on May 11, 2023. Mr. Willis discussed the Arkansas Department of Justice Coroners Grant and how it would supply coroners with equipment.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. on a motion by Mayor McKinney and seconded by Mr. Gibson. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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Chairman

Date: 7/19/23

  
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Secretary

Date: 7/19/23

# NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES OF HYBRID MEETING

JULY 19, 2023

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Chairman Doug Sprouse called to order the Board of Directors Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 10:54 a.m., Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 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 Kevin Litty, Baxter County  
Mayor Hillrey Adams, Mountain Home  
Dani Pugsley, Mountain Home (Video)

#### Benton County

Judge Barry Moehring, Benton County  
Mayor Stephanie Orman, Bentonville (Video)

#### Boone County

Judge Robert Hathaway, Boone County  
Mayor Jerry Jackson, Harrison

#### Carroll County

Judge David Writer, Carroll County  
Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville  
Mayor Butch Berry, Eureka Springs

#### Madison County

Judge Larry Garrett, Madison County  
Mayor Travis Dotson, Huntsville  
Brandi Holt, Huntsville

#### Marion County

Jason Stumph, Marion County  
Layton Lee, Yellville

#### Newton County

Neal Gibson, Western Grove

#### Searcy County

Judge Tony Horton, Searcy County  
Woodie Methvin, St. Joe

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Washington County

Bridget Russell proxy for Judge Patrick Deakins, Washington County

Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale (Video)

Chung Tan proxy for Mayor Lioneld Jordan, Fayetteville

Steve Clark, Fayetteville

Board Members absent were:

Mayor Chris Moore, Lowell

Mayor Nathan See, Pea Ridge

Bill Witty, Harrison

Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville

Judge Warren Campbell, Newton County

Mayor Michael Thomas, Jasper

Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall

Guests present were:

Bryan King, State Senator

Ron McNair, State Representative

Mayor Jeff Braim, Gassville

Mayor Troy Reed, Elkins

Mayor Jeff Van Sickler, Little Flock

Mayor John Flynn, Bella Vista (Video)

David Mason, WFD-NAC

Emily Yates, AEDC

Toliver Myers, Field Representative for Boozman

Brittany Parker, Field Representative for Senator Cotton (Video)

Bob Largent, Harrison Chamber of Commerce

Darryl Treat, Searcy County Chamber of Commerce

Latasha Born, Madison County Judge Assistant

Scott Miller, BCEDC

Johnny James, USDA-RD

Britni Rexwinkle, USDA-RD

Jennifer Barnard, USDA-RD

Jennifer Embach, USDA-RD

John Evans, Landmark PLC

Jackie Crabtree, Arkansas Municipal League

Sargent Finley James, USAF IRT

Barrett Dudley, Arkansas Attorney General's Office

Emma Harrod, Arkansas Attorney General's Office

Rusty Jackson, Arkansas Attorney General's Office

Wilson Marseilles, Harrison Chamber of Commerce

Kim Hall, Bella Vista (Video)

Ashley Farrar, Landmark PLC (Video)

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Joe Willis, NWAEDD  
Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD  
Chelsey Weaver, NWAEDD  
Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD (Video)  
Kindall Brewer, NWAEDD (Video)  
Judy Diffie, NWAEDD (Video)  
Shana King, NWAEDD  
Heather Garrett, NWAEDD  
Karen Henry, NWAEDD  
April Turner, NWAEDD  
Michelle Ryan, NWAEDD  
Susan Sangren, NWAEDD  
Patty Methvin, NWAEDD  
Libby Robinson, NWAEDD  
Tina Cole, NWAEDD  
Jack Chisum, NATS  
Becky Smith, NATS  
Greg LaBonte, NATS  
Victoria O'Brien, NATS  
Chris Kellem, NWAEDD  
Angela Siebert, NWAEDD  
James Moss, NWAEDD  
Tim Simpson, NWAEDD  
Carole Shaver, NWAEDD

The first order of business was the approval of minutes of the April 19, 2023, meeting which were presented and approved without dissent on a motion by Judge Larry Garrett and seconded by Mayor Tim McKinney.

Chairman Sprouse introduced the Guest Speaker, Bryan King, Arkansas State Senator, who spoke about general revenue funding history, taxes on tires, crypto mining, windmill issues and revenue streams.

Chairman Sprouse introduced John Evans and Ashley Farrar, Landmark PLC, Certified Public Accounts, who gave a brief overview of the 2022 NWAEDD Financial Audit. A motion was made by Mr. Woodie Methvin to approve the 2021 Audit and seconded by Judge Robert Hathaway and the motion was carried unanimously.

Next was Jennifer Embach, Jennifer Barnard, and Britni Rexwinkle from USDA-Rural Development. They spoke on USDA-RD programs – Community Facilities Program, Single Family Housing Loan and Grant Programs.

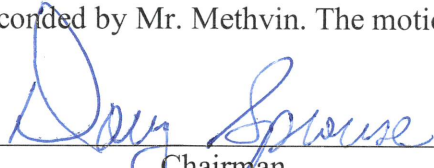
Chairman Sprouse gave an Executive Committee Report stating that the executive committee of the NWAEDD Board of Directors met on July 19, 2023. The committee reviewed the 2022 NWAEDD Financial Audit. The committee approved the audit and moved to present it to the Board of Directors for approval.

A review of the district financial report for May 31, 2023, was made. Director Joe Willis provided a summary of the report and answered questions. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Judge Garrett and seconded by Mayor Travis Dotson and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item of business on the agenda was the review of the 2023 Locality Contributions Report. Director Willis discussed the report and offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Willis reminded all in attendance that the Eclipse date is April 8, 2024. He discussed future meeting speakers and topics, as well as an update on the district's five-year comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS).

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m. on a motion by Judge Garrett and seconded by Mr. Methvin. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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Chairman

Date: 10/18/2023

  
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Secretary

Date: 10-18-23



# NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES OF HYBRID MEETING

OCTOBER 18, 2023

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Chairman Doug Sprouse called to order the Board of Directors Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:08 a.m., Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 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

Mayor Hillrey Adams, Mountain Home

Benton County

Mayor Chris Moore, Lowell (Video)

Boone County

Judge Robert Hathaway, Boone County

Mayor Jerry Jackson, Harrison

Carroll County

Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville

Mayor Butch Berry, Eureka Springs (Video)

Madison County

Judge Larry Garrett, Madison County

Mayor Travis Dotson, Huntsville

Brandi Holt, Huntsville

Marion County

Jason Stumph, Marion County

Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville

Layton Lee, Yellville Video)

Newton County

Mayor Michael Thomas, Jasper

Neal Gibson, Western Grove

Searcy County

Judge Tony Horton, Searcy County

Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall

Woodie Methvin, St. Joe

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Washington County

Judge Patrick Deakins, Washington County

Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale

Chung Tan proxy for Mayor Lioneld Jordan, Fayetteville (Video)

Steve Clark, Fayetteville

Board Members absent were:

Judge Kevin Litty, Baxter County

Dani Pugsley, Mountain Home

Judge Barry Moehring, Benton County

Mayor Stephanie Orman, Bentonville

Mayor Nathan See, Pea Ridge

Bill Witty, Harrison

Judge David Writer, Carroll County

Judge Warren Campbell, Newton County

Guests present were:

Stefanie Reynolds, H2Ozarks

Shelly Smith, H2Ozarks

Mark Hayes, Arkansas Municipal League

Ron McNair, State Representative

Emily Yates, AEDC

Wilson Marseilles, Harrison Chamber of Commerce

Darryl Treat, Searcy County Chamber of Commerce

Latasha Born, Madison County Judge Assistant

Jackie Crabtree, Arkansas Municipal League

Rick Massengale, Northark

Spree Ragland, Arvest

Rita Rogers, BCLI

Diego Rubio, BCLI

Joe Willis, NWAEDD

Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD

Landon Koch, NWAEDD

Chelsey Weaver, NWAEDD

Shana King, NWAEDD

Karen Henry, NWAEDD

April Turner, NWAEDD (Video)

Susan Sangren, NWAEDD

Patty Methvin, NWAEDD

Libby Robinson, NWAEDD

Katie Causey, NWAEDD

Tina Cole, NWAEDD

Courtney Roberts, NWAEDD

Jack Chisum, NATS  
Greg LaBonte, NATS  
Roxanna McCullough, NATS  
Michael Breer, NATS  
James Moss, NWAEDD

The first order of business was the approval of minutes of the October 18, 2023, meeting which were presented and approved without dissent on a motion by Mayor Tim McKinney and seconded by Mayor Michael Thomas.

Chairman Sprouse introduced the Guest Speaker, Stefanie Reynolds, Project Coordinator, H2Ozarks, who spoke about its septic remediation pilot program.

Chairman Sprouse introduced Mark Hayes, Executive Director, Arkansas Municipal League (ARML), who gave a brief overview of the ARML and its value to its members.

Chairman Sprouse gave an Executive Committee Report stating that the executive committee of the NWAEDD Board of Directors met on October 18, 2023. The committee reviewed August 31, 2023 Financial Statements and a resolution for banking authorization. The committee approved the financials and resolution and moved to present it to the Board of Directors for approval.

A review of the district financial report for August 31, 2023, was made. Director Joe Willis provided a summary of the report and answered questions. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Judge Larry Garrett and seconded by Mayor Travis Dotson and the motion carried unanimously.

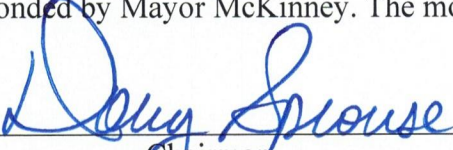
The next item of business on the agenda was the review of the 2023 Locality Contributions Report. Director Willis discussed the report and offered to answer any questions.

Next was the review and approval of Resolution No. 3092 – a resolution for banking authorization. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Judge Garrett to approve Resolution No. 3092 and seconded by Judge Robert Hathaway and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was an address by Dr. Rick Massengale, President, North Arkansas College, Center for Robotics Manufacturing, and Innovation (CRMI) and Jackie Crabtree, Field Representative, Arkansas Municipal League, Municipal Engagement Effort.

The next item was the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Willis discussed and provided updates on USDA IRP, April 8, 2024 Eclipse, the district's five-year comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS), EDA projects – Marble Falls and Searcy County, Boone County Leadership Class, and WIOA.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. on a motion by Judge Garrett and seconded by Mayor McKinney. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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Chairman

Date: 1/17/2024

  
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Secretary

Date: 1/17/2024