

Board of Trustees Minutes

MINUTES

ASCOG BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THURSDAY JUNE 19, 2008

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY SERVICE CENTER – RED RIVER TECH CENTER

IN ATTENDANCE

STAFF PRESENT

Carlos Squires	Troy Gayle Walling	Blaine Smith
Bill Pond	Elton Brown	Perry Brinegar
Ron Kirby	Dick Herrin	Brian Churchman
June Hewes	Tom Sutherlin	Nancy English
Buddy Hilbert	Ron Dinger	Ray Friedl
Jack Hudman	Gerald Hayes	Stan Rice
Mike Lennier	Greg Elliott	Jim Vanzant
Jim Parker	Loyd Kimbro	Ronnie Ward
J. C. Awtrey	Charles “Shorty” Foster	Sunny Fye
Bo Cail	Gaylon Gray	Archer McPhaul
Ronnie Eisenhour	Darrell Sparks	Lisa Thomas
Gene Brown	Max Gallaway	
Jimmie Smith	Wanda Evaige	
Terry Wyatt	James Dorn	
Larry Jefferson	Pedro Guevara	

Marcel Gigger

Gayle Johnson

The meeting was called to order by June Hewes, president, who welcomed all guests.

New trustees Charles “Shorty” Foster, McClain County commissioner, and Larry Jefferson, Comanche County minority representative, were administered the oath of office by Municipal Court Judge George Sherrill.

Ronnie Eisenhour, chairman, presented the nominating committee’s slate of officers.

President	Bill Pond	Caddo County Conservation Director
1 st Vice Pres	Ron Dinger	Cotton County Mayoral Rep
2 nd Vice Pres	Mike Lennier	Grady County Commissioner
Secretary	Terry Wyatt	Tillman County Conservation Director
Treasurer	Gene Brown	Stephens County Mayoral Rep
OARC Rep	Gerald Hayes	Cotton County Citizen-at-Large
OCOM Rep	Greg Elliott	Grady County Mayoral Rep

As there were no nominations from the floor, Jim Parker moved nominations cease and the slate be elected by acclamation. Wanda Evaige seconded and those voting “aye” were Squires, Walling, Pond, Brown, Kirby, Herrin, Hewes, Sutherlin, Hilbert, Dinger, Hudman, Hayes, Lennier, Elliott, Parker, Kimbro, Johnson, Awtrey, Foster, Cail, Gray, Eisenhour, Sparks, Brown, Gallaway, Smith, Evaige, Wyatt, Dorn, Jefferson, Guevara and Gigger.

Trustees representing minorities and counties not represented by an officer caucused. The following trustees were designated to serve on the executive committee:

Ron Kirby	Comanche County	County Commissioner
J. C. Awtrey	Jefferson County	Citizen-at-Large
Charles “Shorty” Foster	McClain County	County Commissioner
James Dorn	Minority Representative	

Bill Pond, president, presented an engraved gavel to outgoing President June Hewes.

The minutes of the March 20 board meeting and April 17 and May 15 executive committee meetings were approved on motion by Jack Hudman and second by Gaylon Gray.

Those voting “aye” were Squires, Walling, Pond, Brown, Kirby, Herrin, Hewes, Sutherlin, Hilbert, Dinger, Hudman, Hayes, Lennier, Elliott, Parker, Kimbro, Johnson, Awtrey, Foster, Cail, Gray, Eisenhour, Sparks, Brown, Gallaway, Smith, Evaige, Wyatt, Dorn, Jefferson, Guevara and Gigger.

Brian Churchman, director of resource management, advised it would be necessary to continue using the signatures of the past president and treasurer on checks for one month until new signature plates could be made reflecting the newly elected treasurer and president’s signatures. Gene Brown moved to accommodate this procedure and Gerald Hayes seconded. Those voting “aye” were Squires, Walling, Pond, Brown, Kirby, Herrin, Hewes, Sutherlin, Hilbert, Dinger, Hudman, Hayes, Lennier, Elliott, Parker, Kimbro, Johnson, Awtrey, Foster, Cail, Gray, Eisenhour, Sparks, Brown, Gallaway, Smith, Evaige, Wyatt, Dorn, Jefferson, Guevara and Gigger.

Brian Churchman reviewed the current budget figures and the proposed budget totaling \$8,073,253. The budget reflects approximately \$10,000 additional funding for the Rural Fire Defense program, an additional match requirement for the Economic Development Administration planning grant, elimination of NIMS funding and changes in Workforce Development funding. After discussion, Gerald Hayes moved to approve and Terry Wyatt seconded. Those voting “aye” were Squires, Walling, Pond, Brown, Kirby, Herrin, Hewes, Sutherlin, Hilbert, Dinger, Hudman, Hayes, Lennier, Elliott, Parker, Kimbro, Johnson, Awtrey, Foster, Cail, Gray, Eisenhour, Sparks, Brown, Gallaway, Smith, Evaige, Wyatt, Dorn, Jefferson, Guevara and Gigger.

Ronnie Ward, director of community and economic development, discussed the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) for submittal to the U.S. Economic Development Administration. (This is a condition for ASCOG to retain its EDD designation and to continue receive annual funding, and for ASCOG member governments to be eligible for funding from EDA). Jimmie Smith moved to accept the executive committee’s recommendation to approve the CEDs, Gene Brown seconded, and those voting “aye” were Squires, Walling, Pond, Brown, Kirby, Herrin, Hewes, Sutherlin, Hilbert, Dinger, Hudman, Hayes, Lennier, Elliott, Parker, Kimbro, Johnson, Awtrey, Foster, Cail, Gray, Eisenhour, Sparks, Brown, Gallaway, Smith, Evaige, Wyatt, Dorn, Jefferson, Guevara and Gigger.

Ronnie Ward discussed the FY 09 annual work plan for state appropriated funds and advised the trustees that the payment of their annual dues entitled them to staff help for CDBG and REAP applications. The grant administration fees are the only income to the CED division other than the \$50,000 from EDA and \$50,000 state appropriations. All other income must be earned. The annual state funding by the legislature through the Oklahoma Department of Commerce requires a work plan. The plan, which outlines how the funds will be spent, must be approved by the board of trustees. Gerald Hayes moved to accept the executive committee’s recommendation to approve. June Hewes seconded, and those voting “aye” were Squires, Walling, Pond, Brown, Kirby, Herrin, Hewes, Sutherlin, Hilbert, Dinger, Hudman, Hayes, Lennier, Elliott, Parker, Kimbro, Johnson, Awtrey, Foster, Cail, gray, Eisenhour, Sparks, Brown,

Gallaway, Smith, Evaige, Wyatt, Dorn, Jefferson, Guevara and Gigger.

Blaine Smith reviewed the formation of the Southwest Oklahoma Impact Coalition. The 16 rural counties in southwestern Oklahoma which are encompassed in the Coalition have less population today than in 1930. The Coalition includes ASCOG, SWODA, and universities in both areas. Technical centers will be included this year.

Staff directors updated the trustees on their progress.

The annual meeting will be September 18 at the Simmons Center in Duncan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Terry Wyatt – Secretary

/s/ Blaine H. Smith, Jr.

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Executive Director