City of Valentine

Regular Economic Development Meeting

Monday, August 28, 2023 6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Valentine Economic Development Board was held on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the city library meeting room. Notice of the Open Meetings Act was provided as required by law.

Board Vice President Deanne Holmes opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the following board members present Whitney Mayhew, Tyler Brown and Sean Markus. Nadeane Allard was absent, also in attendance were Director Mark Hagge and Jill Austen Valentine Children and Families Coalition Director.

Board member Mayhew made a motion to approve the July 24, 2023 meeting minutes, Board member Markus seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jill Austen provided the board with an update regarding the work by the Valentine Children and Families Coalition. At this point a total of $542.00 has been spent on playground equipment. Currently there are 9 licensed childcare facilities in the area. The idea is that each licensed facility will receive a total of $2,000.00.

Discussion was held about the Leadership Program opportunity and timeline.

Discussion was held on progress made on the Creative District application and timeline.

Discussion was held on the SWAN placards. Motion was made by board member Markus to approve the Outback Screen Printing Invoice for $393.00 for the placards. Board member Mayhew seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on applying for a Pestel Grant to support the 2024-2025 SWAN program. Motion was made by Board member Mayhew to apply for a Pestel grant to support the 2024-2025 SWAN program. The motion was seconded by Board member Brown, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the Sue Arganbright Façade Grant application. Board member Markus made a motion to approve the application. Board member Mayhew seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the Citizens Advisory Committee. Board member Mayhew made a motion to approve new four year terms (8/23-8/27) for Sara Jess and Zane Limbach. Board member Markus seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the Economic Development Loan Committee. Motion was made by Board member Brown to approve two year terms (8/23-8/25) for Liz Lancaster and Monty Neiffer. The motion included approving four year terms for Justin Hammond and Jay Hollenbeck (8/23-8/27). Board member Markus seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed 2023-2024 Economic Development program budget. Board member Markus made a motion to approve the budget. Board member Mayhew seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the partnership between Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce and Valentine Community Schools to clean up the park for the Chaduza Cook Off on Saturday, September 9th.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by:

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