January 2016 Meeting Minutes

Greater Nocona Area Economic Development Corporation (Type A) & Nocona Municipal Economic Development Corporation (Type B) at the Tales and Trails Museum January 5th, 2016

Agenda items:

I. Roll call and call to order: Type A & Type B – Confirm Quorum for Type A & Type B

Type A Board President Kyle Reynolds called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm. Also present were

Tracey O'Neal, Yesika Rodriguez and Tyler Thomas.

Type B Board President Phil Staley called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm. Also present were Don Davis, Dan Fenoglio, Billy Henley, Robert Herndon and Sandra Reynolds.

Also present were Randy Duckworth, Nocona Chamber of Commerce Executive Director; Patti Fenoglio, Michelle Fenoglio and Barbara Horton, Nocona Chamber of Commerce; Zachary Renfro; and Reece Berry, Cris Lemon CPA.

- **a.** Approval of Type A and Type B December meeting minutes Both Boards approved the December minutes
- **b.** Acceptance of November Type A & Type B financials

 Both Boards accepted the November financials. The director explained the additional monies under personnel was due to the annual Christmas bonus being given in November instead of December.

II. CLAY STREET RENOVATIONS PROPOSAL

The director introduced Zachary Renfro and explained he is moving his law practice and that of Roger Williams to 210 Clay Street (the original Hadley office supply building). Mr. Renfro was requesting a \$25,000 loan from the revolving loan fund. According to the director the revolving loan fund has mainly been a Type B Board project, although the Type A has money in the fund from the sale of the Pine Street property to Fenoglio Boot Company. The director also noted the Dirker family has not requested monies yet for the pizzeria, but to accommodate both requests additional monies will need to be added to the account. Terms for the loan are normally 10 years at 0-2% interest.

Mr. Renfro explained he was especially requesting the monies to help make the façade blend with the other buildings on Clay Street. The total cost of the renovations are expected to be over \$100,000 in total.

The Boards requested Executive Session following the other agenda items.

The Boards entered Executive Session at 12:44 pm

The Boards returned to Regular Session at 12:58 pm

The Type B Board placed the proposal for a \$25,000 10-year, 2% interest loan on the 60-day clock. They requested Mr. Renfro provide a representation of what the exterior of the building would look like at the Public Hearing in February.

III. ANNUAL BUDGET AUDIT

The director introduced Reece Berry of Cris Lemon CPA who presented the audit. The audit was favorable and indicated a surplus of funds from the previous year.

Both Boards Approved the audit as presented.

IV. NOCONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY REPORT

The director introduced Randy Duckworth, Nocona Chamber of Commerce executive director for the

report for the last two quarters. Mr. Duckworth presented a transaction report covering June 2015 to December 2015, including Keep Nocona Beautiful, Mardi Gras, Nocona Nights, Chisholm Trail Rodeo and the Vicari Car Auction to each Board member. He also reported on the successful Christmas Parade and Board members admired the decorations at the downtown park. Mr. Duckworth explained that although the Chamber provided workers, Tony Sandoval, Tony's Auto Glass Repair, actually was responsible for the display.

V. Staff Updates and Travel

a. Nocona Chamber of Commerce Event Barriers Update

The director explained the City Council did not meet in December, so monies have not yet been approved. The item should be on the January City Council meeting agenda. The Chamber of Commerce has paid for the barriers and they have been received.

b. Fiber Optic Network Project Update

The workgroup will be meeting today and begin planning what a Nocona fiber optic network will look like. Once a plan is in place, costs can be determined and then an RFP and financing can be worked out.

c. Lemonade Day Project Update

The handbooks have been received and the kickoff is planned for Jan. 15.

d. Governor's Staff Fiber Optic Meeting, Austin, Jan. 15

At the TexasOne Christmas reception at the Governor's Mansion, Gov. Abbott suggested the director contact a member of his staff about work they are doing to assist rural education with broadband. Our consultant and I will be meeting with Erin Hodges to discuss how their efforts might assist our efforts.

e. Leadership Montague County Ethics and Leadership Class, Jan. 15

VI. Items of community interest

- a. Jan 7 9 Montague County Youth Fair
- b. Jan 16 Acoustic Jam & Potluck Meal at Senior Citizens Center
- c. Jan 23 Mardi Gras Ball

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm.