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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF DURANT TOURISM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF May 18, 2020 AT 3:00 PM, Roscoe J. Hatfield Council Chambers, 300 West Evergreen, Durant, Oklahoma

Trustee Tammy Cross and Trustee Brandon Johnson attended the meeting remotely using videoconferencing via Zoom. Trustee Debbie Anthony, Trustee Charles Calhoun, Trustee Janet Reed, Vice Chairman Danny Sherrer and Chairman Jim Thorpe were physically present at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Thorpe called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Anthony provided the invocation. Chairman Thorpe led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Trustee Debbie Anthony
Trustee Charles Calhoun
Trustee Tammy Cross
Trustee Brandon Johnson
Trustee Janet Reed
Vice Chairman Danny Sherrer
Chairman Jim Thorpe

* denotes partial attendance

Absent:

None

Chairman Thorpe declared a quorum.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Discuss and Consider Approval of Criteria for COVID-19 Grant Applications

NO ACTION

Chairman Thorpe addressed the board and suggested the grants be offered to employers with 8-10 employees. The amount of the grant would be \$2000 which could be spent on lease or loan payments for the business structure, utilities or supplies. The grantee would be required to show proof of expenditures made with grant proceeds. Jennifer Taylor provided each board member with a copy of a Micro Grant Incentive Application from Ardmore, OK; a COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Loan Program Application from Denison, Texas; and a OCURA Small Business Grant Program Application from Oklahoma City, OK. Discussion followed. There was general agreement that an attorney should be retained for the purpose of providing a legal opinion regarding the legalities of this proposal. Trustee Reed will contact an attorney with expertise in this area.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Calhoun and seconded by Trustee Cross to adjourn meeting.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Anthony, Calhoun, Cross, Johnson, Reed, Sherrer, Thorpe

Abstain: None