

MINUTES
NEWCASTLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER /ROLL CALL

The May 14, 2018, Meeting of the Newcastle Economic Development Authority was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Carl Rose.

Those present were:

Vice-Chairman	Carl Rose	Present
Trustee	Orvis McMahan	Absent
Trustee	Gordon Harness	Present
Trustee	Stella Cox	Present
Trustee	Miranda Taliaferro	Present
Ex-Officio	Kevin Self	Present
Ex-Officio	Jeannette Lore	Present

Others: Todd Kennemer

ITEM 2: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Stella Cox made the motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Gordon Harness seconded the motion.

Board polled:

McMahan	Absent
Harness	Yes
Rose	Yes
Cox	Yes
Taliaferro	Yes

Motion Carried.

ITEM 3: CONSENT DOCKET
February 12, 2018, Regular Meeting

Gordon Harness made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018, Regular Meeting. Stella Cox seconded the motion.

Board polled:

McMahan	Absent
Harness	Yes
Rose	Yes
Cox	Yes
Taliaferro	Yes

Motion Carried.

ITEM 4: REPORTS

Gordon Harness asked if any rent was being collected from the City billboard located South of the River Bridge. Kevin Self commented that it would cost approximately \$1500 to change out the faces of the billboard. He also commented that the City had discussed using both sides. Current advertiser, Rocky Clark, has not been contacted to see if he is interested in renting. He is currently advertising on the bottom board with no fee. Gordon discussed the Ordinances need to be reviewed to see if a double-sided billboard would fit the area.

Gordon Harness also discussed renting both signs to generate income. It was also suggested that the NEDA could offer a sponsorship for a business. The Committee also discussed the Welcome to Newcastle sign.

Gordon Harness made the motion to direct Kevin Self to check with the City Council on renting out both billboard signs, and approval on any monies from those rents directed back to the Economic Development Authority to help future local businesses. Stella Cox seconded the motion.

Board polled:

McMahan	Absent
Harness	Yes
Rose	Yes
Cox	Yes
Taliaferro	Yes

Motion Carried

ITEM 11: NEW BUSINESS

Secretary forgot to include swearing in of Miranda Taliaferro on Agenda, so Item 10 was moved.

At this time, Miranda Taliaferro was sworn in by Gordan Harness.

ITEM 5: CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

ITEM 6: DISCUSSION ON REPORT BY CITY MANAGER AND CHAMBER DIRECTOR, PURSUANT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Gordan Harness commented on the current problems with the internet service in Newcastle. The majority of Newcastle has no fiber available. He would like to make formal requests to Pioneer to develop a plan to install fiber in Newcastle. Pioneer has recently hired a Public Relations Representative to work on these problems.

Jeanette Lore commented that Oklahoma Electric Cooperative is now in Phase III of installation of fiber lines, so sometime in the future, residents of Newcastle will have a second option. These lines will be overhead with the electric lines.

Members would like to invite OEC and Pioneer Representatives to the August 13, 2018, NEDA. Jeanette Lore will coordinate with both and invite to the meeting in August, or a Special Meeting if needed. Robin Fielder is with Pioneer Telephone. Otto McMahan is with OEC.

After further discussion, Carl Rose made the motion to recommend that the City Council make formal requests to Pioneer and OEC regarding the need for better internet services in the City of Newcastle. Stella Cox seconded the motion.

Board polled:

McMahan	Absent
Harness	Yes
Rose	Yes
Cox	Yes
Taliaferro	Yes

Motion Carried.

Jeanette also discussed the properties South of Love's and behind the hotel have been listed with a realtor as a block, and will be sold together. These properties recently were rezoned to C-C-2 Zoning.

ITEM 7: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Gordon Harness made the motion to elect Carl Rose as Chairman. Stella Cox seconded

the motion.

Board polled:

McMahan	Absent
Harness	Yes
Rose	Yes
Cox	Yes
Taliaferro	Yes

Motion Carried.

Carl Rose made the motion to elect Stella Cox as Vice-Chairman. Gordon Harness seconded the motion.

Board polled:

McMahan	Absent
Harness	Yes
Rose	Yes
Cox	Yes
Taliaferro	Yes

Motion Carried

ITEM 8: CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The new year fiscal budget is being compiled. Kevin Self also commented that sales tax is looking good.

ITEM 9: TRUSTEE COMMENTS

See above comments.

ITEM 10: OLD BUSINESS

None

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT

Miranda Taliaferro made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m. Gordon Harness seconded the motion.

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Board polled:

McMahan	Absent
Harness	Yes
Rose	Yes
Cox	Yes
Taliaferro	Yes

Motion Carried

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