

MINUTES

**AMARILLO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

September 20, 2021

The meeting of the Amarillo EDC Board of Directors meeting was held at 801 S Fillmore, Suite 205, Amarillo, TX at 11:00 a.m. on September 20, 2021. Board members in attendance were:

Voting Members	Board Position	Present	No. Meetings Held	No. Meetings Attended
SCOTT BENTLEY	CHAIRMAN	Y	32	32
ANDREW HALL	VICE-CHAIR/SECRETARY	Y	20	19
BRIAN HEINRICH	DIRECTOR	Y	63	60
LAURA STREET	DIRECTOR	Y	52	49
LLOYD BROWN	DIRECTOR	Y	42	35

Also, in attendance were the following staff members:

KEVIN CARTER	PRESIDENT & CEO
MICHAEL KITTEN	VICE PRESIDENT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
SABRINA MECK PEREZ	DIRECTOR WORKFORCE ATTRACTION & RETENTION
SAVANNAH TARBET	DIRECTOR MARKETING & COMMUNICATION
HOLLIE HAWKINS	DIRECTOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
PAUL SIMPSON	DIRECTOR BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION
CHRIS LYLES	OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Also in attendance was the following:

LAURA STORRS	TREASURER, AMARILLO EDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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- ITEM 1: Chairman Bentley established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.
- ITEM 2: Chairman Bentley requested a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. Vice-Chairman Hall made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Heinrich seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- ITEM 3: Chairman Bentley adjourned the meeting into executive session at 11:04 am.

No action was taken during the executive session because none is permitted by law.
- ITEM 4: The public session reconvened at 11:38 am.

Staff Financial & Operation Reports:

Director Perez provided an update on The Intern Experience, renamed Uncover Amarillo. The event took place in June and July. There were fourteen employers and forty interns participating. There were also a couple of employers that signed up for future events.

Director Perez shared pictures of the events the interns participated in as well as feedback from some of the interns.

President Carter stated that sales tax collections are up 13.2% for the month, with collections are up 11.7% year to date. The estimate for total tax collections for the organization will be \$22,000,000.

Hotel/motel most recent tax collection is up 86% for the month, 53% for the year.

Online total sales tax collected is \$63,000, with the AEDC's portion approximately \$15,800. This total does not include any sales tax collected from Amazon online sales.

President Carter provided updates on the following projects:

Texas Tech Vet School: There will be an annual grant payment of \$5,000,000 due soon. October 22 @ 2:00 pm is scheduled for a ribbon cutting.

Amazon: This project is on schedule to be completed and opened in the first quarter 2022. They have increased the base starting pay, though we do not know exactly what that base will be.

Cacique: Construction is continuing on the facility in South Georgia Business Park.

North Heights Linen Services: They have several contracts in place including a large one out of the Dallas area.

RCC Brass: Director Simpson took a tour of their new facility recently.

Torkworx: Their new facility is now operational.

State of the City: Information provided for the mayor's presentation is over 930 jobs, over \$200,000,000 in capital expenditure and over \$100,000,000 in economic activity every year.

- ITEM 5: The next meeting of the Amarillo EDC Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2021 at 11:00 am.
- ITEM 6: Chairman Bentley opened the meeting for public comment. There were no comments from the public.
- ITEM 7: The September 20, 2021 meeting of the Amarillo EDC Board of Directors was adjourned at 11:55 am.

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing information is correct.


Scott Bentley, Chairman