



BI-MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

Date: April 2, 2021

Location and Time: Zoom, 11:30 AM CST

I. Call to Order

- a. President Teresa Tosh, El Dorado Public Schools, called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.
- b. Members in attendance:

Teresa Tosh, USD 490 El Dorado	Mayor John Speer, Kechi
Ty Lasher, Bel Aire	Mayor Jim Benage, Bel Aire
David Dillner, El Dorado	Darrell Atteberry, Bel Aire
Will Johnson, Butler County	Tyler Dehn, Wildcat
Gary Janzen, Wichita	Dorian Soto, Evergy
Loren Jack, Hogoboom Trucking	Reed Holbrook, Evergy
Mike Janzen, USD 375 Circle	Sean Fox, Park City
Ross Schoneboom, Benton	Brett Letkowski, TranSystems
Mayor Tyler Gottschalk, Benton	Lonnie Currier, ICI Insurance
Matt Engels, Towanda	Dee Roths, Roths Farm
Ryan McCune, ASM Engineering	Steve Wilkinson, SCKEDD
Travis Taylor, Cox Communications	Zoe Sisco, Workforce Alliance (WA)
Laura Rainwater, REAP & WA	

II. Treasurer's Report: David Dillner

- a. Paid memberships:
The following members have paid 2021 annual dues: Butler County, Sedgwick County, Bel Aire, El Dorado, Kechi, Park City, USD 375 Circle, MKEC, Cox Communications, and Hogoboom Trucking
- b. Treasurer's Report: David Dillner, Treasurer, K254 CDA
Dillner provided the following overview of the receipts and expenditures of the K254 CDA:

BEGINNING BALANCE (March 1, 2021) \$13,336.79

INCOME (Deposits)

Date	Description	Amount
03/10/21	Deposit (Membership Dues)	\$500.00
03/24/21	Deposit (Membership Dues)	\$4,000.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$4,500.00

EXPENSES

Date	Check No.	Description	Amount
NONE			
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$0
ENDING CASH BALANCE (March 31, 2021)			\$17,836.79

OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS: None

OUTSTANDING CHECKS:

Check #1007 Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas (\$3500.00)

RECONCILED BANK BALANCE \$14,336.79

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Speer motioned to approve the April 1, 2021 Treasurer's Report. Mayor Benage seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. KDOT Study: Ty Lasher, City Manager, City of Bel Aire

Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) contracted with Wilson & Co. to perform a traffic study of the K254 corridor, from Rock Road to Shumway Road. The original letter of interest included the development of recommendations providing intersection improvement options (short, intermediate and long-term recommendations). The final report is to be completed by October 2021. There will be a presentation to K254 CDA members once it has been study is completed.

The City of Bel Aire is partnering with Sedgwick County on a traffic study for an interchange at K254 and Webb Road, to be completed this year. A preliminary study is required by KDOT. RFPs for the study will go out to engineering companies soon. The City of Bel Aire is seeking support from K254 CDA for improvements. A new interchange is necessary due to growth of the Sunflower Commerce Park, residential growth and traffic safety.

IV. Economic Development Funding Opportunities: Steve Wilkinson, Executive Director, South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD)

- SCKEDD founded in 1972
- Hub is Sedgwick County but they support economic development activities in 14 counties in South Central Kansas
- Four priorities
 - Housing
 - Weatherization Assistance
 - Grant Writing
 - Lending
- Services are being expanded –
- Expanding employment numbers within SCKEDD – currently have 37 employees and should grow to 50 within the next 12-18 months
- \$6.2 million budget. Should grow to \$7 million in next six months
- Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance (KERA) program: Provides rent, utility, and internet assistance to households experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID pandemic. Landlords and tenants apply via a joint online process
- Community Housing Resurgence Program: SCKEDD’s housing specialists partner with communities to renovate existing available housing to attract new residents, a skilled workforce, private investment, and economic growth
- Community Grant Writing Assistance: SCKEDD's knowledgeable grants writing and administration team works with local communities to attain important grants to improve the quality of life, attract new businesses, accelerate job growth, and encourage new private development
- Weatherization Program: SCKEDD's highly successful weatherization and largest program helps eligible low-income households improve their residential energy efficiency and increase their energy savings. The weatherization program is serving eligible low-income households located in 41 southern Kansas counties
- Lending Programs:
 - Micro loan (\$5K to \$50K): SBA Microloan to fund working capital, inventory, furniture and fixtures or equipment - is ideal for startups, and newly established or growing businesses
 - Mid-size loan (\$50k to \$300k): EDA & SBA loans for business startups or business expansions

- SBA 504 loans (\$300k to \$5 million): Purchase commercial real estate, machinery and equipment, or refinance existing debt
- SCKEDD Disaster Relief Program: Provides immediate cash up to \$25k for existing small businesses negatively impacted by Covid
- Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) Loan Program: Partnership with Greater Wichita Partnership, WSU and other economic development agencies, to provide loans to Kansas businesses seeking to attain a CMMC for the US Department of Defense

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Rainwater