

DURANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MINUTES

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
DURANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
on October 13, 2015 AT 8:00 A.M.
Durant Industrial Authority Conference Room
215 N. 4th, Durant, OK**

**I. Call To Order at Durant Industrial Authority Conference Room at 8:00 a.m. –
Tommy Kramer**

Tommy Kramer called the regular monthly Durant Economic Development Council Meeting to order.

II. Opening Invocation – Jeff Hammock

III. Roll Call

The following members were present: Curtis Armor, Cody Perryman, Bryan Hallmark, Janet Reed, Pat Dorris, Jeff Tarrant, Darrell Mendez, Sarah Sherrer, Kyle McLemore, Stewart Hoffman, Rick Roy, Robert Holliday, Bert Davison, Jeffery Hammock, James Dunegan, Kara Hendrikson and Ron Boyer.

The following members were absent: Chris Allen, Ron Bennett, Sean Bradley, Sean Burrage, Mike Goodwin, Justin Parker, Rod Miller, Tiffany Pierce and Jason Winborn.

IV. Consider Approval of Minutes of the Durant Economic Development Council September 8, 2015 Meeting. – Tommy Kramer

Robert Holliday motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Monthly Meeting on September 8, 2015 with a second by Curtis Armor. The motion carried by:

Aye: Curtis Armor, Cody Perryman, Bryan Hallmark, Janet Reed, Pat Dorris, Jeff Tarrant, Darrell Mendez, Sarah Sherrer, Kyle McLemore, Stewart Hoffman, Rick Roy, Robert Holliday, Bert Davison, Jeffery Hammock, James Dunegan, Kara Hendrikson and Ron Boyer.

Nay: None

Abstain: None

V. Report on Sales Tax Growth – Mayor Hoffman

“Handout”

VI. Introduction of J. D. Strong - Tommy Kramer

Tommy Kramer introduced J. D. Strong.

J. D. Strong advised of the following:

A. Water

Bulk goes to hydroelectricity. Western – Biggest aquafer – Olagala

B. Drought Proofing in OK

In accordance with FEMA to cyclical drought and flooding, they are predicting drought will be more frequent and severe. We are already heading back into severe drought, McCurtain is in extreme drought, and we see it in the reservoir levels, which are two feet lower compared to the 2012 OK Comp. Water Plan.

Water increase needs in the future are 37% for crop irrigation, 32% for industrial and 31% for all others.

OCWP-Big 8 is recommending the following:

- i. Infrastructure
- ii. Conservation – Reuse – Recycling
- iii. Monitoring
- iv. Supply Reliability
- v. Fish and Recreation Flows
- vi. Excess and Surplus
- vii. State and Tribal Resolution

Regional Planning is as follows:

- i. Try not to use freshwater in 2060 than we consumed in 2010.
- ii. Advisory Council will make recommendations to the Governor:
 - 1980 Plan was conservation and efficiency = drought management and action to reduce supplies.
 - a. Drought drives shortages and forces us to take conservative measures.
 - b. Regional consolidation – 2012 update was potential artificial aquafer recharge sites and looking at storing underground.
 - c. Bottom up plan and implementation of OCWP initiatives at the regional level.
 - d. Local state holders representing unique interest of each region.
 - e. Happening organically now.

Southwest Planning is as follows:

- i. Phased Implementation Plan
- ii. Blue Baggy
- iii. Plure River Basin – Basin 12 is ours (ground water is a great source for us).
- iv. Planning assistance – Hired a new “Planning Coordinator” at OCWP.
- v. Supply Reliability

- a. complete all unstudied ground water basins by 2022.
- b. Additional Red River
- c. Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer for visits through outflow, which makes the Blue River (it comes from the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer).
- d. Senate Bill 288 – no water taken out until study is complete.
- e. Sensitive sale source ground water basins. Ground water regulates how much water.
 - 2 acres of water per 1 foot of land – 78,404 acre-feet – EPS – 0.2 acre-foot per acre per year
- vi. The hydro-Illogical Cycle
 - a. Plan ahead
 - b. Conserve
 - c. Reuse and recycle
 - d. Innovate
 - e. Avoid costs
- vii. Lawn irrigation – makes no sense to put clean, treated water on lawns.
- viii. Governor’s Water Conference – www.owrb.ok.gov

Texas County is the largest user and they set a good example by using 60% less water than they have been in the past. They are using a new comprehensive ground-monitoring program.

Eight percent of Ogalala is under out state. It recharges about ¼ per year (17” annual rain), so very little gets down to recharge, some of that is due to evaporation.

Lawsuits in adjoining states are buying up land to help protect the water rights. There are six rivers designated scenic rivers, such as the Illinois, Flint Creek, Lee Creek and Upper Mountain Creek.

James Dunegan thanked and appreciated J. D. Strong for his information.

VII. August 2015 Oklahoma Employment Security Commission Report

Report in the packet for review.

IX. Durant Economic Development Council New Business

Janet Reed – January 22

Bruce Pac – Jan 2016 Start up

CMC Metals will own the site in December 2015 – January 2016.

Sooner Trails Pipeline 2017 – 300 miles of 36” natural gas pipeline from Kingfisher to Lamar County, Texas.

Everyone welcomed Jeff Hammock, Ron Boyer, Sarah Sherrer and Kyle McLemore.

X. Adjournment

Janet Reed motioned for adjournment with a second from Pat Dooring. Tommy Kramer called the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.