

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
131 N. Bell
SHAWNEE, OK

Minutes

Members Present (*at Roll Call)

Cleveland

~~Christi Moore~~

Lincoln

Lee Doolen*

Sheri Cooper*

Logan

Mike Pearson*

Sue DuCharme*

Payne

Chris Reding*

~~Shad Hagan~~

Pottawatomie

~~Tiffany Barrett~~

Kaye Steele Harrod*

Seminole

Tim Porter*

~~Dennis Phillips~~

Staff Present:

Barbara Loudermilk, Thelma McGee

Guest Speakers: Mike Little and Norm Seaberg

Call to Order at 2:18 p.m.

*Roll call was called and we had seven members present out of eleven; therefore we met quorum and were able to proceed with the meeting.

Public Expressions - The public may comment only on any item appearing on this agenda, subject to the following restrictions: statements to the COCAA board members are limited to no more than three (3) minutes for each speaker and, collectively, no more than 30 minutes are allowed for public expressions.

Board Chair Chris Reding invited any members of the public to comment. There were none.

Chairman Reding proceeded to the items on the agenda.

Barbara Loudermilk explained that the whole reason for this special meeting is that we needed to add some HUD language in our By-Laws on page 1 under "Article II - Purpose". I will read it since I have it in front of me. I added two lines. The first one is: "COCAA shall maintain current housing facilities and transitional housing to provide to Low Income persons."

Right now we own one home in Norman and we own two duplexes in Shawnee and the City of Shawnee is prepared to give us one to four transitional houses that we can lease. I think it is important that Oklahoma Finance Housing Association (OFHA) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) know we have transitional housing in place. We also wish to become a non-profit Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO).

The next phrase that we used is: "COCAA shall have as a purpose to increase decent Affordable Housing to Low Income persons."

As of today the By-Laws will be updated September 2020 and will have those two lines in our bylaws if the board approves them. Gentlemen, please explain what's been going on. Barbara introduced Mike Little and Mike Little introduced Norm Seaberg.

Norm talked about non-profits. We have to be a non-profit that has a purpose in their charter. HUD and OFHA get a lot more applications that they do money, so any little thing will disqualify us. Since this is already a part of your purpose, we just need to make it official.

Mike Little added that we do have the old bank building in the National Records now.

Barbara thanked Mike Little for opening new doors for COCAA. Mike and Barbara are going to be meeting with consultants to get CHDO certified, hopefully next week.

Chair, Chris Reding asked if there were any questions. None were asked. Do we have a motion to accept this new language in our By-Laws? A motion was made by Lee Doolen and was seconded by Sheri Cooper.

Motion: (Doolen/Cooper) to accept the new language in our By-Laws.

Vote: Doolen: Yes, Cooper: Yes, Pearson: Yes, DuCharme: Yes, Reding: Yes, Steele-Harrod: Yes, Porter: Yes

The motion passed with a majority of the quorum present voting in favor.

Do we have any Old Business?

NONE was stated.

Do we have any New Business?

NONE was stated.

Chris Reding thanked everyone for taking time out of their afternoon to meet.

Motion to vote to approve or disapprove---Adjournment

Motion: (Cooper/Pearson) to approve adjournment at 2:33 p.m.

Vote: Doolen: Yes, Cooper: Yes, Pearson: Yes, DuCharme: Yes, Reding: Yes, Steele-Harrod: Yes, Porter: Yes

The motion passed with a majority of the quorum present voting in favor.



Board Chair: Signature



Date & Time