



**SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
August 28, 2020**

MEETING BRIEFING

The SODA Board of Directors met for its regular August meeting at Southern Tech in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Attendance at the meeting was both in-person and by videoconference.

New Board Members

Beryl Sears representing the Bryan County Conservation District replaces Clay Jones, Atoka City Manager Danny replaces Joye Angel and Lindsay City Manager Tom Inman replaces Stephen Mills as new members of the SODA Board of Directors effective at this meeting.

SODA Bylaws Revision

The SODA Board of Directors adopted a change in its bylaws to combine the Board Officer positions of Secretary and Treasurer into one Secretary-Treasurer position. Current Secretary, Kristi McElroy representing the City of Ardmore will become the Secretary-Treasurer.

EDA Grant Submission

The SODA Board of Directors approved submitting a grant application to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) for an expansion of its current facilities with the construction of a Conference and Emergency Management Center. The project includes the construction of a 2,688 sq. ft. facility and expanded roadway and parking.

The Board approved the submission of a grant application not to exceed \$750,000 in order to keep the 20% match required by SODA within affordability limits.

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SONP Appeal of Home-Delivered Meals Contract

Southern Oklahoma Nutrition Program (SONP) appealed the Board of Directors' decision to award the FY 21 Home-Delivered Meals contract to Mom's Meals. An appeal hearing was held on July 29, 2020 for SONP to present its case. The SODA Board of Directors voted to deny the appeal.

AAA RFP Review Committee

In response to the SONP appeal the SODA Board of Directors voted to authorize the President to appoint a Board Committee to review the AAA RFP document and related procedures and make recommendations for revisions prior to the release of the next AAA RFP. Kristi McElroy was named the Chair of the Committee.

<<The next SODA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2020>>

SODA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>DIRECTOR NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Gary Ayers	Garvin County
Scott Chaney	City of Marietta
Johnnie Crutchfield	Arbuckle Conservation District
John Dean	City of Durant
Danny Delay	City of Atoka
James Eldridge	City of Ada
Rick Ellis	Coal Co. Conservation District
James Frizell	City of Pauls Valley
James Fullingim	City of Madill
Richard Hart	City of Coalgate
Darrell Hudson	Murray County
Linda Hyman (President)	Love County
Tom Inman	City of Lindsay
Sally Jantz	City of Healdton
Nick Lee	Coal County
Kristi McElroy (Secretary/Treasurer)	City of Ardmore
Joe David McReynolds (Vice President)	Carter County
Don "Salty" Melton	Marshall County
Ian O'Neal	City of Lone Grove
Jay Perry	Bryan County
John Redman	Choctaw Nation
Beryl Sears	Bryan Co. Conservation District
Gary Starns	Pontotoc County
Bob Stick	Chickasaw Nation
Mike Thompson	Johnston County
Shane Tomlinson	Atoka County