



Board of Directors Regular Meeting

August 26, 2022

MEETING BRIEFING

The SODA Board of Directors met for its regular bi-monthly meeting on August 26, 2022 at Southern Tech in Ardmore, Oklahoma. The SODA Board of Directors recognized Senator Frank Simpson for his years of service and support for rural southern Oklahoma.

New Board Members

The City of Davis appointed Ricky Harness, Davis City Manager, as its representative to the SODA Board of Directors.

CENA Awards

The Community Expansion of Nutrition Assistance (CENA) is a state grant program intended to increase the number of meals served to individuals by (independent) senior/community centers. The SODA Board of Directors awarded \$226,500 in FY 23 CENA funding to 27 eligible centers in the SODA service area (all eligible centers that applied received CENA funding) and set aside \$11,354 for emergency and/or supplemental funding for senior centers.

Area Agency on Aging Area Plan 2024-2026

The Older Americans Act specifies Area Agencies on Aging to develop an Area Plan that outlines activities for a comprehensive and coordinated system of services for older adults in the region. The SODA AAA conducts listening sessions, distributes surveys and reviews state, local and national efforts to identify the needs of older adults and gaps in services to meet those needs.

The SODA Area Agency on Aging Area Plan Area Plan covering SFY2024-2026 was reviewed and approved by the SODA Board of Directors. The approved Area Plan will be submitted to the Oklahoma Department of Human Services Community Living, Aging and Protective Services by September 1, 2022 for state agency approval.

Southern Oklahoma Development Trust

The Southern Oklahoma Development Trust is a trust created by SODA in 1967 and amended in 1983 to promote cultural and economic development in southern Oklahoma. The Trust has been inactive for many years. The Trust holds 6.67% of the appropriate rights in the McGee Creek Reservoir. The Board of Directors discussed re-activating the Trust after a legal review of the Trust Indenture is conducted.

REAP Committee

SODA received over \$2.5 million in funding for REAP awards for FY 23. President Joe McReynolds appointed the following Directors to the REAP committee to review and recommend projects to be funded by REAP: Ricky Harness, Kristi McElroy, Joe McReynolds, Rick Ellis, Gary Starns, and Johnny Jump.

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City of Ardmore
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Marshall County
City of Lone Grove
Bryan County
Choctaw Nation
Pontotoc County
Chickasaw Nation
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City of Durant
City of Lindsay
City of Sulphur
City of Tishomingo

The next SODA Board of Directors regularly scheduled meeting is October 28th at 10:00 a.m. at Murray State College in Tishomingo.

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