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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CVB BOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026 AT  
8:30 AM IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE BIVINS HOME, 1000 S. POLK ST., AMARILLO TX.**

| <u>Voting Member</u>       | <u>Present</u> | <u>No. Meetings Held</u> | <u>No. Meetings Attended</u> |
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| <u>Angela Knapp Eggers</u> | Y              | 2                        | 5                            |
| <u>Vic Ragha</u>           | Y              | 2                        | 4                            |
| <u>Phyllis Golden</u>      | Y              | 2                        | 4                            |
| <u>Bobby Lee</u>           | Y              | 2                        | 5                            |
| <u>Coco Duckworth</u>      | Y              | 2                        | 2                            |
| <u>Don Tipps</u>           | Y              | 2                        | 6                            |
| <u>Jason Fenton</u>        | N              | 2                        | 5                            |
| <u>Paval Nathu</u>         | N              | 2                        | 5                            |
| <u>Al Patel</u>            | Y              | 2                        | 6                            |
| <u>Ex-Officios</u>         |                |                          |                              |
| <u>Beth Duke</u>           | Y              | 2                        | 5                            |
| <u>Christopher Post</u>    | Y              | 2                        | 6                            |
| <u>Brady Ragland</u>       | Y              | 2                        | 6                            |

**1. Call to Order**

- Coco Duckworth called the meeting to order

**2. Public Forum**

- There were no comments for public forum

**3. General Announcements from Board Members**

- Center City: One week away from High Noon (9 events, averaging 500 people per week) - music is free, luncheon price is \$12, TXDOT will be out there with maps and giveaways
- Tri-State Fairgrounds: cattle show (one of the largest in the state) fundraiser for WTAMU Livestock judging team; coors ranch rodeo next weekend; the Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships are June 21-27 at the fairgrounds
- Starlight Ranch: there are now 6 longhorns at Starlight, as a part of the Slug Bug attraction - open to the public
- Christopher Post has been named Interim General Manager of the Civic Center. He will act as liaison for the ACVB Ex-Officio position until an official announcement is made.

**4. Consideration: Minutes from April 22, 2026**

- Don Tipps made a motion to accept the minutes; Phyllis Golden seconded. After a unanimous board vote, the minutes passed.

**5. Presentation: Auditor's Report - Chris Pace with Johnson & Sheldon, PLLC**

- Prior to this fiscal year, the auditing standards and requirements changed, since we still had functions within the city for the previous year.
- The audit wrapped up May 4th.
- There is not a 2024 comparison due to the different auditing standards, but numbers are showing consistent year over year.
- Total restricted assets are roughly \$3.5 million vs last year, which was \$3.1 million.
- Statement of cash flow: \$2.5 million dollars.
- There were no significant material changes in the ways numbers were accounted for in the transition to the new standard and requirements.
- ACVB no longer works based on projection; rather, we have our budget for the year already in the account, as well as a reserve account (\$750,000 minimum is required to be held in this account according to Board regulations).
- Risk assessment: there were no significant deficiencies found during the course of the audit.
- Representation letter: memorializes assertions given to ACVB during the audit as well as past audit adjustments; there was one past adjustment that was fixed in the current fiscal year – two adjustments made in past years reflecting GAAP procedure changes concerning leases
- The Board will vote at the next meeting to accept the audit report.

#### **6. Reminders: TX Route 66 Festival**

- We are one week away from the kickoff of the Texas 66 Festival; there are 66 events over 10 days, and many events are being sold out.
- Volunteers: we are still in need of volunteers on June 13th for these shifts
  - 1pm-3:30pm at welcome gates and 3:30pm-6pm

#### **7. Review: Mother Road Summit and Springfield Centennial Kickoff Celebration**

- Springfield:
  - Amarillo was very represented at all of the events for the Centennial celebration.
  - We are seeing branding and events more geared towards a Route 66 community; this is encouraging to see all of the cities on that track.
  - We have communicated with all of the other cities to show them we're here to partner.
  - Day 1: We caravanned over to Springfield with our partners (Big Texan, Bill's Backyard Classics, WRCA).
  - Day 2: Our team and partners participated in Fanfest where we interacted with Springfield natives and Route 66 enthusiasts.
  - Day 3: We participated in the parade with Texas Ivy, WRCA, Big Texan, and Bill's Backyard Classics, representing Texas as a whole.
  - Day 4: Our team and partners celebrated the official telegraph that began the route at the Telegraph Ball.
  - Media interviews: as a city we did interviews for the newspaper, and local news channels, including St. Louis and Tulsa

- The week before Springfield, Kashion Smith, Luz Aguilar, and Braley Beck went to OKC for the Mother Road Summit
  - This was the second summit that has taken place (last year's was in Albuquerque)
  - The Amarillo CVB sponsored one of the breakfasts for this year's summit.
  - Participants in the summit included Route 66 state associations, historical societies, CVBs, state departments of transportation, and Chambers .
  - The secretary of transportation for the state of Oklahoma organized parts of the convention and invited TXDoT from the Panhandle and from Austin. They were there for panels, and it assisted with our future partnerships with TXDoT that will hopefully allow us to do some of our original plans of beautification in the future.
  - We are hosting the MotherRoad Summit next year, and the following year it will be in California.
  - There is a goal to have an organizational structure, budget, etc to propose to the group so they can file for a non-profit with some officers and a board - goal to make it an official organization by next year's conference.

#### **8. Discussion and Consideration: Board Strategic Discussion for "The Long Trail"**

- Gina Woodward will come in on Sept. 30th 8:30am-10:30am to assist with the Board's strategic plan.

#### **9. Discussion: Next Meeting Date**

The next regular meeting date is July 22, 2026

*(There will be no June meeting)*

#### **10. Adjournment**

- Coco Duckworth adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted,



Ashley Roberts  
Administrative Assistant



Coco Duckworth  
CVB Board President

