

the jobs being proposed. AIF continues to update their online database and their new website. The new website is scheduled to launch by the end of this summer.

Abilene Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee (TEAM Abilene): Jason Smith presented TEAM Abilene's semi-annual report. Despite the changes in the Department of Defense's needs, sequestration, and budget reductions, TEAM Abilene continues to seek opportunities to keep Dyess Air Force Base (Dyess) vital to U.S. Air Force operations. TEAM Abilene plans to host two of their traditional BBQ events; one at Dyess to celebrate the B-1s and the C-130s and another at Capitol Hill to showcase Dyess' presence and flexibility. TEAM Abilene also plans to attend events to keep up with the most current movement in military operations as well as build strong relationships with key personnel.

TTU Small Business Development Center (SBDC): Judy Wilhelm, Director of SBDC, presented their semi-annual report to the DCOA board. Ms. Wilhelm announced the SBDC will be changing its name to America's SBDC. In addition to their name change, they will have an additional counselor and a new website. In the first six months of the fiscal year, the SBDC assisted in the opening of 17 new businesses as well as creation of 141 full time positions. SBDC counseled 186 individuals and billed 1,097.25 business counseling hours to the DCOA. SBDC continues to participate in the Downtown Association.

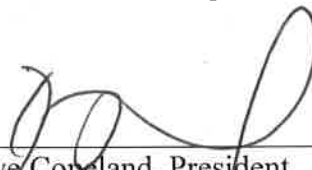
5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE DCOA'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES ENDING MARCH 31, 2015: Kent Sharp, DCOA CEO, presented the DCOA's semi-annual report of activities to the board. Dave Copeland requested the language in the section "Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee" (page 3-4) be changed to state that the committee will create a strategic plan with assistance of a consulting firm. Jack Rich moved to approve by oral resolution the DCOA's FY15 semi-annual report with the requested language change. Dani Ramsey seconded and the motion carried.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: I hereby announce we are going into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 072, 074 and 087 to consult with our legal counsel, discuss real property transactions, personnel matters, and discuss economic development negotiations involving a business prospect, as set forth on the agenda. Any vote or action will be taken in open session.

President Dave Copeland announced the date is April 27, 2015, and the time is 2:24 p.m. Later, President Copeland announced the date is still April 27, 2015, and the time is 3:50 p.m. No vote or action was taken in Executive Session.

Marelyn Shedd left the meeting at 3:36 pm during the executive session.

7. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Dave Copeland, President