

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dave Copeland John Beckham	Dani Ramsay	
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jack Rich	Marelyn Shedd	
STAFF PRESENT:	Kent Sharp	Kim Tarrant	Stanly Smith
GUESTS PRESENT:	Brian Yates Kate Alvarez Judy Wilhelm Justin Jaworski Brooke Crum	Chamber Military Affairs Committee Abilene Regional Airport Small Business Development Center Abilene Industrial Foundation Abilene Reporter News	

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

President Dave Copeland called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at 174 Cypress St., 3rd floor conference room, Abilene Texas.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 13, 2015, BOARD MEETING:

John Beckham moved to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2015 board meeting. Dani Ramsay seconded and the motion carried.

3. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 BY: TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ABILENE INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION, ABILENE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, AND CITY OF ABILENE AIRPORT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER:

Texas Tech University Small Business Development Center (SBDC):

Judy Wilhelm, Director of the SBDC, presented their FY15 annual report to the DCOA. During FY15 SBDC helped 375 business owners in Abilene by providing them business counseling sessions at no charge. SBDC provided 1,368 counseling sessions resulting in the creation of 188 jobs and 39 new businesses. A total of 2,103.50 counseling hours were billed to the DCOA. As of October 1, 2015 SBDC transitioned to the new name America's SBDC at Texas Tech.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION – SESSION 1:

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 October 26, 2015, and the time is 2:25 p.m. Later, President Copeland announced the date is still October 26, 2015, and the time is 3:15 p.m. No vote or action was taken in Executive Session.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Copeland', is written over a horizontal line.

Dave Copeland, President