

Minutes
Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District
Board Meeting August 7, 2023

Public notice having been posted, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District was held on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 1:30 pm at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Council Chambers, Abilene, Texas.

Board Members Present: Chuck Statler, Commissioner, Taylor County
Kyle McAlister, Councilmember, City of Abilene
Judge Phil Crowley, Taylor County
Anthony Williams, City of Abilene representative
Glenn Dromgoole, Director

Others Present: Representing City of Abilene:
Stanley Smith, City Attorney
Mike Rains, Director of Finance

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chuck Statler.
2. A motion to approve the minutes for the June 12, 2023 meeting was made by Councilmember Kyle McAlister and seconded by Anthony Williams. All Board members voted in favor; the motion carried.
3. Mike Rains, Director of Finance for the City of Abilene informed the Board that the current Venue District is scheduled to cease on June 15, 2024 with the last payment of the outstanding bonds of the District. In order to continue with the Venue District a new project must be approved, the Board must call for an election to create a new Venue District and the voters must approve the Venue tax in the election. Glenn Dromgoole requested the timeline of the new Venue District. Mr. Rains indicated the Venue District would follow the life of new bonds issued, typically 20 years. Judge Crowley asked who would be responsible for paying the Venue tax. Mr. Rains indicated the 2% tax would be charged to individuals staying in hotels and motels based on hotel stays and would not require any payment by other taxpayers.

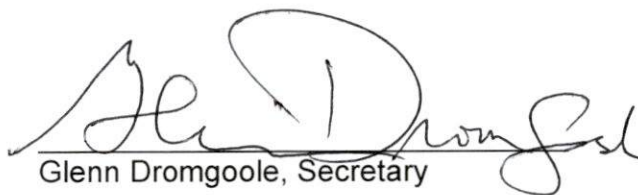
Commissioner Statler opened the item for public comment. The following addressed the board:

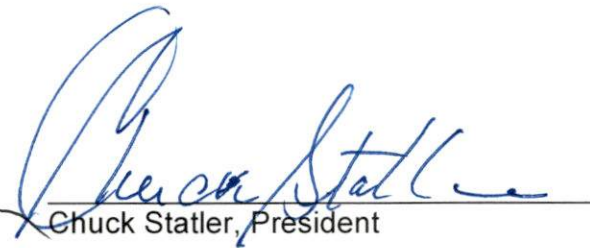
Derek Hood
Cade Browning
Sammy Garcia
Jeff Salmon

After the public comment the Board continued discussion of the item. Councilmember Kyle McAlister indicated that the cost of the election would be shared by all entities holding elections in November where if the election was held in May there would be fewer entities holding elections thus a higher cost for each entity. Judge Crowley commented that the Venue tax can only be spent on Venue items and cannot be spent on any other items.

Glenn Dromgoole made a motion to approve the resolution of the Board of Directors of the Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District calling a special election for designating a venue project to be financed with a hotel occupancy tax within the district in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 335, Texas Local Government Code, as amended; making provision for the conduct of the election; and resolving other matters incident to such election. Councilmember Kyle McAlister seconded. All Board members voted in favor; the motion carried.

4. Anthony Williams made a motion to adjourn; Judge Crowley seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.


Glenn Dromgoole, Secretary


Chuck Statler, President