

Technology & Entrepreneurship Advisory Board
Minutes – October 17, 2024

1. Call to Order: Vice Chairman Daniel Rhoades called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
2. Roll Call -: Vice Chairman Daniel Rhoades, Directors Laura Boman and Donny Pearson.

Absent Chairman Joseph Richardson and Director Scott Ritchie.

Staff: Holly Wharton – Economic Development Director, and Joni Ary – Recording Clerk

3. Citizens with Input – None
4. New Business:

- a. Approval of September 19, 2024 minutes.

Director Boman motioned to approve the minutes as submitted; Director Pearson seconded; all were in favor, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

- b. Approval of August and September 2024 Financials

Director Pearson motioned to approve as presented; Director Boman seconded; all were in favor and unanimously approved.

- c. Approval of Logo

Logo was approved by a concurrence of the members.

- d. Remote Worker Survey Update

Ms. Wharton provided the results of the Remote Worker Survey to the Board as of the date of the meeting. Ms. Wharton, when the survey is completed, will provide the raw data for the board to analyze. The interest in a co-working space was brought up for discussion and an update was provided on a potential lead.

- e. Perry Startup Week Planning

Vice Chairman Rhoades provided an update on fundraising from various sources. The Board discussed logistics of the events and items that were in the works.

- f. Speaker Series Update

The board discussed the logistics of the speaker series. It was determined that the series would kick off in January 2025 with a final date to be determined. The board proposed to host the series every other month in the evenings at various locations around Perry with the option to use City Hall always available. Each board member will take turns planning the program for the series with Chairman Richardson taking the lead on the first event being focused on A.I.

5. Staff Items:
 - a. Discussion items from the City Manager

Ms. Wharton provided items from the City Manager for review and discussion. Discussion items included how to attract young people to Perry and potential concerns for the advancement of technology. The Board asked Ms. Wharton to follow up with an email to all members of the group for input.

b. Update on Entrepreneur Support Technology Solution

Ms. Wharton updated the Board on the Entrepreneur Support Technology Solution sharing that the program received City Council's approval to move forward and would be funded through the General Fund.

c. Volunteer Commitment Forms

Ms. Wharton stated that the volunteer commitment forms are attached to the board packet and requested that everyone sign.

6. Member Items:

Vice Chairman Rhoades discussed his new position at the Museum of Aviation and its STEM academy and how some of the work may intersect with the Board's mission.

7. Adjournment: there being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.