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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2025 at 3:00 pm – City Annex Building Conference Room

Present: James Gardner, Arvis Dawson, Therese Geise, Kristen Smole, Mike Huber, Sherry Weber (Recording Secretary) and Drew Wynes

Present via Webex: None

Call to Order

This meeting was held in-person and via Webex. Mr. Garner called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gardner asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for August 18, 2025. Moved by Mr. Dawson and seconded by Ms. Geise. Voice vote, all in favor. Minutes approved.

Mr. Gardner asked for approval of the 2026 EUEA Meeting Schedule. Moved by Mr. Huber. Seconded by Mr. Dawson. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion approved

Financials:

Mr. Huber made a motion to approve August 31, 2025 & September 30, 2025, INOVA financial statements. Seconded by Mr. Dawson. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion approved

Old Business

Mr. Drew Wynes updated the board on the EZ-BR Deductions

New Business

Mr. Drew Wynes addressed the board letting them know Center for Community Justice reached out regarding a grant request. The board would like more information. Mr. Wynes will make sure the Center for Community Justice receives an updated grant request form.

Mr. Huber updated the Board on receivership and discussed the board moving forward with small business training, tools, support and entrepreneurship.

Mr. Gardner let everyone know Jeff Whisler resigned from the EUEA Board.

Mr. Dawson made a motion to elect Ms. Smole as board secretary. Seconded by Ms. Geise. Accepted by Ms. Smole. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion approved.

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Adjournment:

Mr. Gardner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Mr. Dawson. Seconded by Ms. Smole. Voice vote, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

James Gardner, President