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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE LUTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND
LUTHER PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETINGS AT 7:00 PM
LUTHER TOWN HALL
108 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LUTHER, OKLAHOMA 73054**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Official action can only be taken on items which appear on the agenda. The Trustees may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, amend, strike, or continue any agenda item. When more information is needed to act on an item, the Trustees may refer the matter to the Chairman or the Town Attorney, or back to a committee or recommending body. Under certain circumstances, items may be deferred to a specific later date or stricken from the agenda entirely.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Determination of a quorum
4. Approval of the Board Minutes from the meetings of October 11 and 27, 2022
5. Trustee Comments
6. Update on economic development plans and activities, including the Luther Pecan Festival.

Trustee One (Terry Arps)

Trustee Two (Brian Hall)

Trustee Three (Carla Caruthers)

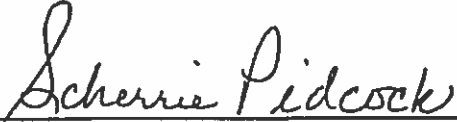
Trustee Four (Jeff Schwarzmeier)

Trustee Five (Joshua Rowton)

7. **New Business:** In accordance with the Open Meeting Act, Title 25 O.S. 311.A.9 of the Oklahoma Statutes, new business is defined as any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda.
8. **Citizen participation:** Citizens may address the Board during open meetings on any matter on the agenda prior to the Board taking action on the matter. On any item not on the current agenda, citizens may address the Board under the agenda item Citizen Participation. Citizens should fill out a Citizen's Participation Request form and give it to the Mayor. Citizen Participation is for information purposes

only, and the Board cannot discuss, act or make any decisions on matters presented under Citizens Participation. Citizens are requested to limit their comments to two minutes.

9. Adjourn.



Scherrie Pidcock, Town Clerk



Agenda Posted Monday, November 7, 2022, at Luther Town Hall, on Facebook at The Town of Luther, and on our website at www.townoflutherok.com, prior to 7:00 pm.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE LUTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022, 7:00 PM
LUTHER TOWN HALL
108 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LUTHER, OKLAHOMA 73054**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order by Terry Arps.
2. Roll Call by Terry Arps. Present were Terry Arps, Brian Hall, Carla Caruthers, Jeff Schwarzmeier. Joshua Rowton was absent.
3. Determination of a quorum was made by Terry Arps.
4. Approval of the Board Minutes from the meeting of September 13, 2022 – Terry Arps made a motion to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.
5. Trustee Comments – None.
6. Update on Economic Development and upcoming events. – Dawn Shelton gave an update on businesses and events in Town. She asked Brandy Langston to speak. Brandy informed the Board that she had a commitment from Blayne Arthur, State Secretary of Agriculture, to attend and present the winners of the Baking Contest at the Luther Pecan Festival, which will be organized by Brandy and the Luther 4-H Club members.

Trustee One (Terry Arps)

Trustee Two (Brian Hall)

Trustee Three (Carla Caruthers)

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8. Citizen participation: Citizens may address the Board during open meetings on any matter on the agenda prior to the Board taking action on the matter. On any item not on the current agenda, citizens may address the Board under the agenda item Citizen Participation. Citizens should fill out a Citizen's Participation Request form and give it to the Mayor. Citizen Participation is for information purposes only, and the Board cannot discuss, act or make any decisions on matters presented under Citizens Participation. Citizens are requested to limit their comments to two minutes. – Brandy Langston

inquired about the Board's position on billboards. Dawn Shelton reminded all that the Mayor is working to provide a rest area at Veterans Park on Main Street for the Cycle 66 group that is riding through Luther on November 6, 2022.

9. Adjourn. – Terry Arps made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.



Minutes transcribed by Scherrie Pidcock, Town Clerk

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**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE LUTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022, 6:30 P.M.
LUTHER TOWN HALL
108 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LUTHER, OKLAHOMA 73054**

1. Call to Order by Terry Arps.
2. Roll Call by Terry Arps.
3. Determination of a quorum was made by Terry Arps. Present were Terry Arps, Brian Hall, Carla Caruthers and Jeff Schwarzmeier. Joshua Rowton was absent.
4. Trustee Comments – None.
5. Update on economic development activities and events in and around Luther. Discussion was had. Cycle 66 will be cycling through Luther early Sunday morning, November 6, 2022. We will welcome them with a rest stop in Veterans Park on Main Street. The new restaurant, Cocina Dona Ceci, is up and running. No Action.

Trustee One (Terry Arps)

6. Discussion of economic development ideas. No Action.
7. Consideration, discussion and possible action regarding setting up and manning the Town of Luther booth during the Luther Pecan Festival. – Dawn Shelton gave an update on the Luther Pecan Festival. The Board was advised there is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to man the Town of Luther booth at the festival. Other commissions will be asked to participate.
8. Consideration, discussion and possible action to advertise Luther in the Oklahoma Route 66 Association Trip Guide. – Terry Arps made a motion to place a full page ad in the Trip Guide with \$400.00 from the Town of Luther LEDA budget and \$150.00 being donated by Terry Arps, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.

Trustee Two (Brian Hall)

Trustee Three (Carla Caruthers)

Trustee Four (Jeff Schwarzmeier)

Trustee Five (Joshua Rowton)

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Participation Request form and give it to the Mayor. Citizen Participation is for information purposes only, and the Board cannot discuss, act or make any decisions on matters presented under Citizens Participation. Citizens are requested to limit their comments to two minutes. – **Anna Campbell was present and stated she thought the ad was a great idea.**

10. Adjourn. – **Terry Arps made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Jeff Schwarzmeier. The Vote: All (4) Yes.**



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Luther Pecan Festival returns to Main Street Nov. 19 – 20

Luther, OK -- The Luther Pecan Festival is Saturday and Sunday, November 19 - 20, 2022. Main Street in the small Eastern Oklahoma County town of Luther, OK, will be lined with vendors, artists, food, and lots of pecans and pecan pie to celebrate the harvest of one of Oklahoma's best specialty crops, pecans. Just a quarter of a mile off of Historic Route 66 east of Edmond, thousands are expected to the two-day event that runs from 10 am - 4 pm each day.

Festival activities include a cook-off to find the best pecan pie featuring pecans from the Couch Pecan Orchard. Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture Blayne Arthur will announce the winners at approximately 12:30 PM. For the first time, a youth entry has been added to the contest. Contestants should bring their entries and a \$10 fee to Main St. Nutrition from 10 - 11 AM. Organized by the Luther 4-H Club, the club will sell slices of all entries after the winners are announced beginning Saturday afternoon.

The family-friendly event is free to attend. Vendors will offer hand-made and curated products that range from skincare to jewelry, sculpture, photography, paintings, t-shirts, boutiques, metal art, and plenty of pecans and pecan pie. Pony rides and llama selfies will also be part of the festivities. A Luther school alumni reunion, featuring the Class of 1982 and friends, will have a tent on Main Street.

The Luther Pecan Festival will also celebrate Luther's connection to Route 66 with a booth from The Threatt Filling Station, and a Mother Road display from the Oklahoma Chevy Team. The Couch Pecan Orchard, on the corner of historic Route 66 and Luther Road, will be open for sales at the orchard, and also will have pecan sales at the festival downtown.

The car show is organized by the Tornado Alley Car Club. Held on Saturday, Nov. 19, beginning at 10 AM. The top 10 trophies and special awards will be presented at 2 PM. There will be a 50/50 raffle to benefit a local charity.

Major Luther Pecan Festival sponsors include BancFirst, Oklahoma Chevy Team, Triangular Silt Dike, Our Town Eatery, Airosurf Communication, Centranet, and RV General Store, and Attorney Kimberly K. Miller.

Sponsors also include Wilson Homes, Thunder Moving, Bison Blinds, Cocina Doña Ceci, Allan Booher, CPA, At Link Services, Luther Economic Authority, Kandi Malphrus Realtor, Providence Realty, and TMobile.

The Luther Pecan Festival is a production of The Luther Register, an online news community.

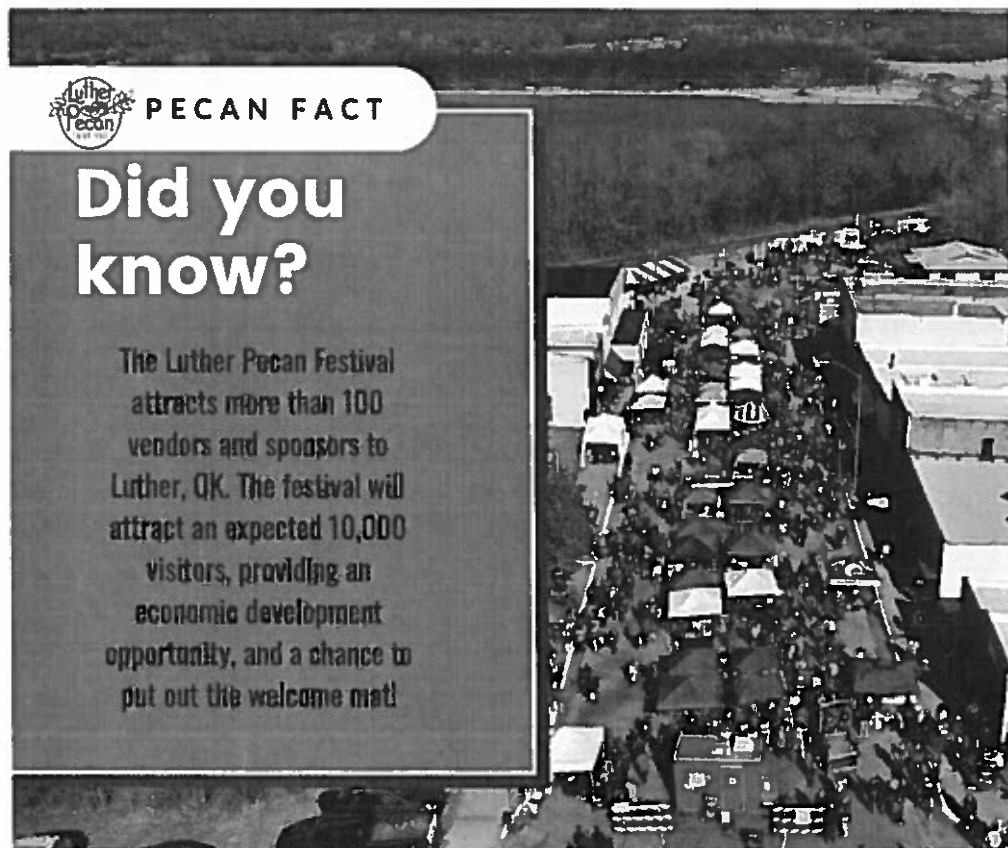
“I’m looking forward to coming to Luther. I’ve never been there before,” Luther Pecan Festival vendor.

VENDORS, FOOD TRUCKS, SPONSORS: 100

All are existing or potential businesses, residents and repeat visitors to our town.

Festival Hours:

Saturday, Nov 19, 10 am – 4 pm + Sunday, Nov 20, 10 am – 4 pm



PECAN FACT

Did you know?

Pecans are part of Oklahoma's official state meal!

- Fried Okra
- Cornbread
- Barbecue Pork
- Squissh
- Biscuits and Gravy
- Grits
- Corn
- Strawberries
- Chicken fried steak
- Black eyed Peas
- **PECAN PIE**



NOV 12 - 20
10 AM - 4 PM



Couch Pecan Orchard
Luther, OK
opens Nov. 15
Route 66 & Luther Road

PECAN FACT

Did you know?

One of the major specialty crops in Oklahoma is the pecan.

The pecan is the only major nut native to America along with hickories and walnuts. Oklahoma produces an average of about 15 million pounds of pecans a year, putting Oklahoma's production around fifth in overall pecan production. OSU Extension

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PECAN FACT

Did you know?

The pecan contains more than 19 vitamins and minerals. This super nut is the most antioxidant-rich nut in the world.

Noble Research Institute
2018 Annual Report



Nutrition in a nutshell!

PECAN FACT

Did you know?

Pecan Shells have many uses!

- Mulch
- Organic Fertilizer
- Decorations and Crafts
- Fire scents

Couch Pecan Orchard | Luther, OK

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PECAN FACT

Did you know?

Couch Pecan Orchard sits on a triangle of land between Route 66, Luther Road, and the Deep Fork River. Gordon Couch started the original orchard in the early 1960s, and daughter Diane Couch operated it until Mark & Teri Stroud bought it in 2020.

Couch Pecan Orchard | Luther, OK

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