**Call to order:** John Rebercalled the meeting to order at 7:30 AM

**Roll call: Present:** Kelli Webb, John Reber, Hank Boyer, Stephanie Gillig, John Hendrick, Jera Richardson, Eric Montoy

**Absent**, Aaron Wedel, Matt Pestinger, Stephane Anderson, Laurel Drisckell, Mike Wilson

**SDI:** Leslie Bishop, Dian Gebhardt, April Rickman

**Guest:** Jessica Martin & Michael Chambers - GSCF

**Approval of agenda:**

Agenda approved.

April meeting minutes Financial Reports – Moved and 2nd. Approved

Jessica & Michael spoke to the board about the GSCF “Give 5 Back” campaign.

**Discussion Items :**

Leslie discussed the possibility of Wi-Fi being connected in the City Lights Stage parking lot. The Wi-Fi would be of use during SDI events, particularly the Farm & Art Market. John Hendrick with Nex-tech is researching the monthly cost to SDI and the range of Wi-Fi. More information to follow.

Leslie informed the board that SDI will present our 2026 budget to the commission during the study session on June 9, 02025 – 2:30.

**Director:** Leslie

* Leslie spoke at Church of the Cross May 13, 2025
* Leslie is getting involved in North Central Kansas Tourism and Travel Industry Assoc. of Kansas
* Leslie reported that the 2025 first quarter CID numbers surpassed 2024 CID numbers
* The Farmers Market will be opening on May 24, 2025, with 30 vendors
* Leslie followed up with Dr. Lucaci re: his facade grant award. Dr. Lucaci façade application needs to be completed May 28th, 2025. So far, no reply from Dr. Lucaci.

**Programming:** April

* April reported that May first Friday went well. We had good foot traffic and a good audience for the band. June first Friday, Hi-Way 14 is performing. They are sponsored by Nex-Tech. Nex-Tech is also sponsoring a receipt raffle
* SDI is planning a new event – Jigsaw Jam on July 17 at The Temple.
* April provided a spreadsheet with the CID numbers

**Aesthetics Report**: Dian

* Spring Spruce Up went well, and we were able to get a lot accomplished
* Sunday, May 18, we will be planting pots. The hanging baskets will go up by the first week of June. Dian is working on the baskets now.
* Dian continues to work on graffiti
* Jaydn starts on May 27, 2025

**Meeting Adjourned 8:30 am**

**Next SDI Board Meeting, Thursday, June 19 – 7:30 AM**