

Press Release

Smith Center Economic Development

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Economic Development Board Gains New Members

Smith Center, KS – The Smith Center Economic Development Supervisory Board gained four new members at the monthly meeting held Thursday, January 12, 2023.

New to the supervisory board are Jacob Cobb, Charles Griffith, Travis Ray, and Scott Roth. They bring diverse work experiences from different sectors of the area economy as well as various backgrounds with businesses and economic development programs. Cobb is currently participating in the Rural Opportunity Zone program which provides up to \$15,000 in student loan repayment over 5 years for those moving to our county.

In December two board members, Allen Van Driel and Steve Wingerson, completed their service on the volunteer board. At the December SCED meeting they were honored with certificates of appreciation for their volunteer service to our community.

As a part of the 2022 Economic Development Plan, the SCED decided to grow the board size by two positions to expand the representation on the board from different sectors of the economy and different types of businesses in the area. SCED supervisory board members serve 3-year terms, with a maximum of 3 consecutive terms. They are not compensated their service to the community.

Smith Center Economic Development is a department of the City of Smith Center, whose purpose is to further the economic development of the Smith Center area. More information is available at www.smithcenterks.com/economic-development.

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Picture caption: *SCED board members pictured L to R: front row Nick Rhodes, Jaime Isom, Nancy Shaffer; back row Charles Griffith, Scott Roth, Travis Ray, and Jacob Cobb. Not pictured Rachel Jones and Joe Stansbury.*