



# Board of Directors Regular Meeting

October 25, 2024

## MEETING BRIEFING

The SODA Board of Directors met for its regular bi-monthly meeting October 25, 2024 in the new SODA Conference Center Durant, Oklahoma. This is the first time the SODA Board of Directors has met at the SODA headquarters.

### **Mortgage Conveyance on New Conference Center**

SODA accepted a grant award from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in July, 2021 in the amount of \$645,000 for the construction of the SODA Conference and Emergency Operations Center. As a condition of the grant SODA is required to convey to EDA a mortgage on the project property for the estimated useful life of the project property. The estimated useful life of the improvements to the property is 20 years from the date of the award on 7/15/2021. After the estimated useful life, SODA may request a release of the federal interest in the property. The Board of Directors executed a 20-year mortgage effective 7/15/2021 to the Economic Development Administration on the SODA Conference and Emergency Operations Center and recorded it with the Bryan County Clerk.

### **SODA Opioid Abatement Program**

The Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Revolving Fund consists of funds obtained through settlements or judgments entered on behalf of the State of Oklahoma relating to opioid litigation. SODA plans to develop an evidence-based abatement program to distribute Naxolene and provide prevention outreach in the SODA region. To apply for abatement funds, SODA will need to form a coalition of SODA counties to authorize SODA to submit an application on their behalf. There would be no cost to the counties to participate. The Board of Directors adopted a resolution to establish an Opioid Abatement Program and submit a grant application to the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board to fund the program on behalf of participating SODA counties.

### **SODA FY 2025 REAP Awards**

There were 60 applications for REAP grants for 2025. The SODA Board of Directors awarded 49 grants to counties, communities, and other entities in the SODA service area in the total amount of \$2,663,774.53. The total REAP award amount included a combination of FY 2025 REAP funding and REAP de-obligated and interest funds held in reserve.

<b>\$2,727,272.73</b>	<b>REAP FUNDS ALLOCATED TO SODA</b>
<b>\$136,363.64</b>	<b>Less Program Administration</b>
<b>\$72,865.44</b>	<b>Plus Supplemental Funding from REAP Reserves</b>
<b>\$2,663,774.53</b>	<b>2025 REAP Funds to Apportion</b>
<b>\$263,636.37</b>	<b>Less Funds Awarded to CDBG-REAP</b>
<b>\$750,000.00</b>	<b>Less Funds Awarded to Counties</b>
<b>\$ 1,650,138.16</b>	<b>Awarded To Other Entities (Towns, RFDs, Organizations)</b>

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# SODA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## DIRECTOR NAME

## AFFILIATION

Sammie Adams	Bryan Co. Conservation District
Scott Chaney (Secretary/Treasurer)	City of Marietta
Cacy Cribbs (Vice President)	Johnston County
Johnnie Crutchfield	Arbuckle Conservation District
Danny Delay	City of Atoka
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Linda Hyman	Love County
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Bruce Reynolds	Murray Co. Conservation District
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Vacant	Chickasaw Nation
Vacant	City of Calera
Vacant	City of Sulphur
Vacant	City of Tishomingo
Vacant	Garvin County

***The next SODA Board of Directors regularly scheduled meeting is December 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Murray State College in Tishomingo, OK.***

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