

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 13, 2021

TO: Mayor Jayne Lankford & City Council

FROM: Mercy Rushing, MEDC Executive Director

SUBJECT: MEDC Board Member Reappointment & New Appointments
Council Meeting Agenda Item for September 13, 2021

Background Information:

Below listed board terms for two years reappointments and appointments as allowed in our MEDC Board of Directors Bylaws for consideration by City Council:

Mineola Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Board of Directors voted unanimously at their Board of Directors Meeting on Sept 1, 2021 and submits the following names for reappointment and new appointments:

-Reappointment of Barbara Dawson for 2 years till September 30, 2023

New Appointments: The terms is for 2 years till September 30, 2023

-Gary McKinley to replace Ken Pearce who served for 13 years on MEDC.

-Kevin White to replace Helen Haneline, who served for 25 years on MEDC.

SEE ATTACH RESUME FOR OUR NEW APPOINTMENTS

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of Mineola Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors that the Mayor and City Council consider the reappointments of all the names submitted above for two year term through September 2022.

9/9/21

Gary McKinley
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Gary McKinley graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Geology from Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana in 1974 and was immediately commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy. Following his graduation, he served on numerous ships in a progression of assignments throughout his naval career culminating in command of a Navy Frigate, USS STEPHEN W. GROVES (FFG-29) and then as Squadron Commander for Maritime Prepositioning Ship Squadron ONE. In 1980, Gary completed studies at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California earning a Master's Degree in Physics with a sub-specialty in Systems Engineering.

Other assignments included a position in 1985 as a Lecturer at the United States Naval Academy followed by assignment as Flag Secretary to the Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy. In 1989, he worked at the Naval Sea Systems Command in Washington, D.C. as Chief Engineer for Mine Counter Measures and then as Combat Systems Engineer. He completed studies at the U. S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania and also the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. Gary was the Deputy Director for Command and Control Operations at United States Atlantic Command and was also the Operational Manager for an Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration on data dissemination and information management from 1995 until 1997. In his last active duty assignment, he was the Director, Administrative Office for the Bureau of Naval Personnel and Navy Personnel Command located in Millington, Tennessee until his official retirement from the Navy in July of 2000.

Gary McKinley has long-standing family ties to the State of Texas. His father, Myron E. McKinley hails from Mart, Texas and his mother, Elwanda, was born and raised in Quitman, Texas. Quitman residents J. L and Ethel White, his grandparents, and Woodrow and Mildred Wesson, his uncle and aunt, were active in Wood County as farmers, educators and church members.

Gary began work for the Wood County Industrial Commission in June of 2000 and retired in 2011. He has lived in Mineola, Texas since 2013 and currently serves as Chairman of the Mineola Planning and Zoning Commission. Gary is married to the former Kathleen Barrentine of Moorestown, New Jersey and they have two grown children. Patricia works for the State of Maine, residing in Bangor, ME. Christopher is Assistant Manager for Mineola Tractor Supply Corporation and lives in Mineola with his wife, Jessica, sons Jonathan (13), Knox (11) and daughter Kelsee (9). The kids all attend school with Mineola Independent School District. The family attends Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Mineola where Kathy and Gary teach Faith Formation.

Kevin White

After a 30 year career in education where I served in various administrative roles, I retired in 2015 at the age of 51. I then began two different paths. One was as an independent Oil and Gas Landman and realtor, the other in public service. For the past 6 years I have established myself in our community in these two new roles. Upon retirement, I ran for the Mineola City Council and won, soon becoming Mayor Pro Tem. In 2017, I was elected Mayor and served in that capacity until May, not seeking a 3rd term. As Mayor, I was on the Board of Directors for the East Texas Council of Governments and was elected to the Executive Committee of the Board representing Wood County where I served as Treasurer/Secretary. My position on the board ended upon the completion of my term as Mayor. As a businessman, I serve on the East Texas Workforce Solutions Board of Directors representing Wood County. I also serve on the Board of Directors and serve as Treasurer of the Mineola Civic Center, Inc., and I serve on the Board of Directors for My Credit Union, overseeing six branches from the Dallas area to East Texas.

I belong to the Kiwanis Club of Mineola and was the President this past term where we were awarded the designation of Distinguished Club. I was then elected as Lt. Governor of Division 34 and will begin that term in September. I also am a member of the Gideon International since 2015 and also currently serve on the Maxcine Nash Scholarship Board of Directors.

On a personal note, I have a Bachelor's and Master's degrees and 46 hours of post graduate work in administration. I have been married for 37 years, have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. I have instilled in my children that their greatest asset is their time and they need to invest that in education and helping in others. My wife, daughters and daughter-in-law are all educators. My son, upon completing his enlistment with the United States Marine Corp, completed his Bachelor's degree and is now an EMT while my son-in-law is a deputy sheriff.

I hope that the board will consider me for the opening. I believe that my experience in government, business and service to others would be beneficial if given the opportunity.

Thank you for the consideration.