

EASTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC.
BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2020

The Eastland Economic Development, Inc. Board of Directors met in the Commission Chambers at Eastland City Hall as scheduled, and notice was posted 72 hours in advance and prior to the meeting.

Members Present:

Board Member _____	Mark Pipkin
Board Member _____	Carolyn White
Board Member _____	Jason Cochran
Board Member _____	Vicki Bradley
Board Member _____	James Doyle
Executive Director _____	Tom Bailey

City Staff Present:

City Manager _____	Ron Duncan
Planning Director _____	Tony Stubblefield
City Secretary _____	Roma Holley

Guests: Larry Vernon, Donald Cate,

I. Meeting Called to Order

Vicki Bradley called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was offered by Tom Bailey and Carolyn White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Finance Report

Donald Cate presented the finance report for January 2020. He reviewed the income and expense report for the month, noting the January sales tax has decreased a little but we are still on the same track as last year.

Mark Pipkin made a motion, seconded by James Doyle to approve the finance report as presented. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Cochran, Pipkin, White, Doyle

Nays: None

Absent: None

IV. Approve Minutes of the January 13, 2020 Meetings

James Doyle made a motion, seconded by Jason Cochran to approve the minutes as presented. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Cochran, Pipkin, White, Doyle
Nays: None
Absent: None

V. Public Comment on any subject not Listed on this Agenda
(Limited to Five Minutes Per Speaker)

There were no comments.

VI. The EEDI Board of Directors may Discuss and Take Action on the Following Agenda Items:

1. Discuss and Consider Billboard located on East Main in Eastland

Director Tom Bailey introduced this item and provided some options for the sign on the north side of E. Main by the Leon River. He stated that these are just concept ideas that he thought would give us an idea of what we might like.

Discussion centered around one of the ideas “Eastland Economic Development, Inc For Our Community” “Strong Foundation”.

Jason Cochran made a motion, seconded by Mark Pipkin, to let Director Tom Bailey continue this project to completion with input from the board via email. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Cochran, Pipkin, White, Doyle
Nays: None
Absent: None

2. Hear Update on Workforce Solutions Office Space

Tom Bailey advised that Terry Simmons has done all of the work on this subject. In the last meeting it was mentioned that Workforce Solutions had a sum of money available to update the Eastland County Museum bathrooms and install a power door on the front of the building, as well as to place some signage on or near the elevator. Terry has received bids from a plumber, an electrician, a carpenter and the person who will install the door. He is waiting on one more bid from another electrician.

This is information only and there is no action on this item.

3. Discuss and Consider sale of the Beniefel Property, located on Interstate 20, to McLaw Ventures, Inc

Tom Bailey stated that he recently spoke with Mr. Lawson who has the Red Star Property. He stated that Mr. Lawson's intentions are to begin demolition of the current building and build the new building and have it occupied by February 2021. Mr. Lawson asked Mr. Bailey if the Beniefel Property is still available, that he is still interested in purchasing it.

Discussion centered around the fact that the board would like to see some progress being made on the Red Star Project before they consider selling the Beniefel property to Mr. Lawson.

No Action was taken at this time.

VII. Executive Director's Report – Update on projects and activities including:

Director Bailey gave updates on several ongoing projects:

Maverick Logistics: He stated that the building is going up quickly and looks really good. It makes the lot look like a business. There was some delay on completion of the man hole but things should be underway soon.

Morgan Property: There has been some additional cleanup taking place and the property continues to be improved.

El Reno: Quite a bit of the grading and clearing has been completed on the lot that they will be occupying in the back of the business park and it is looking much better.

Woodlands Nursing Home: Construction is moving rapidly and discussion is underway between City Manager Ron Duncan and the city engineers to design the street and move the project forward.

Rural Health Clinic: The \$100,000 check for the parking lot has been received.

VIII. Adjournment

Carolyn White made a motion, seconded by James Doyle to adjourn at 12:28 p.m. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Cochran, Pipkin, White, Doyle

Nays: None

Absent: None

Approved:

Vicki Bradley, Chairman
EEDI Board

Attest:

Roma Holley, City Secretary