

EASTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC.
BOARD MEETING
May 11, 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 _____	Vicki Bradley (12:09)
Board Member _____	James Doyle
Executive Director _____	Tom Bailey
Board Member _____	Jason Cochran

City Staff Present:

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

Guests: Dr. Jennifer Kent, Donald Cate

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mark Pipkin called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was offered by Jason Cochran and James Doyle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Finance Report

Donald Cate reviewed the income and expense report for the months of March and April, since there was no meeting held in April, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted in March a \$4413 payment to the City of Eastland for property development. This was for the work on installing the manhole and connections for Maverick Logistics. Everything else is normal operating expenses.

For April, he noted an expenditure of \$170 payment for clean up of mold and repair of leaks at the Morgan Building property. Everything else is normal operating expenses.

Jason Cochran made a motion, seconded by Carolyn White to approve the finance report as presented. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

IV. Approve Minutes of the March 9, 2020 Meeting.

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

Ayes: White, Doyle, Cochran
Nays: None
Absent: Bradley (arrived at this time, 12:09 p.m.)

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 Eastland LVN Program – Dr. Kent and Ted Matthews

Director Tom Bailey introduced this item and introduced Dr. Jennifer Kent, Senior Vice-President of Ranger College. Dr. Kent greeted the board and proceeded to give some background about herself. Dr. Kent stated that she had “fallen in love” with Eastland, Texas. She said one thing that is near and dear to her heart is giving students the opportunity to participate in higher education locally, instead of them leaving town. With that goal in mind and by partnering with Eastland Memorial Hospital, Ranger College would like to offer a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) program here in Eastland. Eastland Memorial Hospital has offered to let Ranger College use the old Hendrick Medical Supply building located at 410 W. Commerce, as a local campus. Dr. Kent advised that Ranger College is requesting assistance with the salary of one employee for one year which will be upwards of \$50,000. Dr. Kent then gave the background information for the request. She gave as much detail as possible and the board asked several questions. The consensus is that more information is needed and Dr. Kent stated that she would be happy to supply it next month.

This is information only.

No action was taken at this time.

2. Discuss and Consider Bartee Metals possible expansion.

Director Bailey advised that Bartee Metals is doing well and is looking at a possible expansion. Marcus Bartee is considering adding some other services to his business. Mr. Bailey detailed some of the possibilities and fielded questions from the board.

This is information only.

No action was taken at this time.

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

Director Bailey gave very brief updates on several ongoing projects:

Red Star Property: The old building has been demolished and cleared. The project manager is actually in town today and construction will begin soon.

Maverick Logistics: He stated that they are continuing to work on their building.

El Reno Energy: They proceeding with work on Crockett Street.

Blake Fulenwider: Blake has moved in and the facility looks great! El Reno is working on the neighboring lots so soon we can put up a sign to sell, or lease, the remaining property.

Woodlands Nursing Home: The new facility is moving along quickly and they anticipate needing University Drive soon.

Downtown Restaurant: Lisa Benson bought the Vetoni's building, but pulled back due to the stock downturn and the virus. Hopefully, things will return to normal soon and she will move forward.

IX. Adjournment

Carolyn White made a motion, seconded by James Doyle to adjourn at 1:12 p.m. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Pipkin, White, Doyle, Cochran

Nays: None

Absent: None

Approved:

Vicki Bradley, Chairman
EEDI Board

Attest:

Roma Holley, City Secretary