

**EASTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC.**  
**CALLED BOARD MEETING**  
**October 19, 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 _____	Jason Cochran
Board Member _____	Carolyn White
Board Member _____	James Doyle
Executive Director _____	Tom Bailey

Members Absent

Board Member _____	Vicki Bradley
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City Staff Present:

Code Enforcement Officer _____	Terry Simmons
Planning Director _____	Tony Stubblefield
City Manager _____	Ron Duncan

Guests: Jennifer Prather, Gary Bear, Brandy Iley

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mark Pipkin called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

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

1. Discuss and Consider Proposal from Totelcom Communications

EEDI Director Tom Bailey introduced Jennifer Prather, Vice-President and General Manager of Totelcom Communications located in DeLeon. She introduced team members Gary Bear and Brandy Iley.

This is a family owned company since 2010. Tony Prather has run the company since 1989. They have 45 employess and they also manage two other companies, one in Wichita Falls and one in Oklahoma.

They are regulated by the Federal Communications Commission and the Public Utilities Commission. Their main business is building and maintaining Internet Fiber projects all over Texas. They serve over 10,000 individual locations and about 40% of them are served with Fiber Optics.

Ms. Prather proceeded to inform the board about all of the aspects of building the Fiber Optic networks including the costs, as well as why all of this is becoming more important each year. The pandemic increased all internet traffic and really highlighted the need for faster internet speeds.

Fast internet is something that will be a big draw for companies and individuals who are looking to relocate as the need for TeleHealth, Internet teaching and employees working from home continues to grow.

The goal of Totalcom is to provide broadband internet at reasonable prices for everyone.

This was information only and no action was necessary.

## 2. Discuss and Consider Reorganize EEDI Board of Directors

This item was tabled.

## V. Adjournment

Carolyn White made a motion, seconded by James Doyle to adjourn at 12:41 p.m. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Cochran, Doyle, White

Nays: None

Absent: Bradley

Approved:

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Mark Pipkin, Vice-Chairman  
EEDI Board

Attest:

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Roma Holley, City Secretary