

EASTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC.
BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2021

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	_____	Vicki Bradley
Executive Director:	_____	Tom Bailey

Members Absent:

Board Member	_____	Carolyn White
Board Member	_____	James Doyle

City Staff Present:

City Secretary	_____	Roma Holley
City Manager	_____	J. J. Oznick

Guests: Donald Cate

I. Meeting Called to Order

Vicki Bradley called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was offered by Jason Cochran and Mark Pipkin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Finance Report

Donald Cate discussed the finance report and reviewed the income and expense report for the month of September. He stated that the Sales tax is 14% higher than last month and up 10% for the year.

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

Ayes: Bradley, Cochran, Pipkin,

Nays: None

Absent: Doyle, White

IV. Approve Minutes of the July 12, 2021 and September 20, 2021 meetings.

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

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

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

No Comments

VI. Recognition of Workforce Solutions Sterling Award

Executive Director Tom Bailey stated that we have partnered with Workforce Solutions for 25 years and this has been a successful partnership. The Sterling Award will be presented to the Eastland Economic Development, Inc on October 20, 2021 at 2 p.m. in Abilene. He plans to attend and everyone is invited.

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

1. Reorganize the EEDI Board Officers

There was discussion among the board to keep the present officers, no reorganization needed.

President – Vicki Bradley
Vice-President – Mark Pipkin
Treasurer – Jason Cochran
Secretary – Carolyn White

Mark Pipkin made a motion, seconded by Jason Cochran, to keep the present officers for the next term. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

2. Discuss and Consider payment to Enprotec, Hibbs and Todd for additional services relating to the rebid of the Bowie Street Paving Project.

Executive Director Tom Bailey explained to the board that because we had to rebid this project, there were additional fees for services rendered by eH&T. This included rewriting the bid document as well as adding the Curb and Gutter to the project, which required additional engineering.

Mark Pipkin made a motion, seconded by Jason Cochran, to approve the payment to eH&T &T.

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Bradley, Cochran, Pipkin,

Nays: None

Absent: Doyle, White

3. Discuss and Consider Rental Contract with the Eastland Community Foundation.

Executive Director Tom Bailey reminded the board that in February, we agreed to make a \$30,000 one-time payment of rent. This is rent for office space for a ten-year period. The Eastland Community Foundation is now ready to receive this payment.

Jason Cochran made a motion, seconded by Vicki Bradley to make the payment. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Bradley, Cochran

Nays: None

Absent: Doyle, White

Abstain: Pipkin

4. Discuss and Consider Acquisition of Real Property

Executive Session in Accordance with Texas Government Code 551.087,
Deliberations about Real Property/Negotiation for Property

Commencement: 12:13 p.m.

Conclusion: 12:26 p.m.

No action taken.

VIII. Executive Director's Report – Update on U.S. Sand & Gravel, Bartee Metals, Mira Enterprises, and others.

Executive Director Tom Bailey informed the board that construction has begun on the US Sand and Gravel building.

Bartee Metals: this business is beginning to make sales.

MIRA Enterprises: Director Bailey was given a tour of the facility and said it is very impressive.

Mighty Molding: Brent Kirkland informed Director Bailey that business is booming.

IX. Adjournment

Mark Pipkin made a motion, seconded by Jason Cochran to adjourn at 12: p.m. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Approved:

Vicki Bradley, Chairman
EEDI Board

Attest:

Roma Holley, City Secretary