

EASTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC.
BOARD MEETING
October 16, 2023

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 _____	Terry Slavens
Board Member _____	Mark Pipkin
Board Member _____	Carolyn White
Board Member _____	Matthew Crum

Members Absent:

Board Member _____	Vicki Bradley
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Executive Director:

_____	Ryder Warren
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City Staff Present:

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

Guests: Donnie Cate

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mark Pipkin called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was offered by Matthew Crum and Terry Slavens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

IV. Finance Report

Donald Cate presented the report with the normal income and expenditures. He also noted the sales tax shows an increase of 9.6% increase for the year.

Terry Slavens made a motion, seconded by Matthew Crum, to approve the finance report as presented. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Crum, Slavens, White

Nays: None

Absent: Bradley

V. Approve Minutes of the September 18, 2023 meeting

Matthew Crum made a motion, seconded by Terry Slavens to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2023 meeting with corrected date. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Crum, Slavens, White
Nays: None
Absent: Bradley

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

1. Reorganize the EEDI Board Officers

Vice-Chairman Mark Pipkin tabled this item until the next meeting.

2. Acceptance of Executive Director's Resignation (effective December 31, 2023)

Executive Director Ryder Warren referenced the Resignation Letter that he had sent to each member via email. He stated that he appreciated the confidence placed in him as he learned this new role. He noted that by giving his resignation two months in advance, that will give the board time to find a replacement and for him to work with the replacement.

Discussion followed and Terry Slavens made a motion, seconded by Carolyn White to reluctantly accept the Resignation of Executive Director Ryder Warren, effective December 31, 2023. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Crum, Slavens, White
Nays: None
Absent: Bradley

VII. Executive Director's Report – Discussion of Strategic Planning Process

Executive Director Ryder Warren stated that he and City Manager J. J. Oznick had a meeting with Developer Nicholas Petroff and Eastland County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Randy Clark regarding the extension of Inspiration Blvd to the new CAD Building and then beyond to the new home addition. This is the initial conversation to determine who will be responsible for particular items.

VIII. Adjournment

Matthew Crum made a motion, seconded by Carolyn White to adjourn at 12:19 p.m. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Crum, Slavens, White

Nays: None

Absent: Bradley

Approved:

Mark Pipkin, Vice-Chairman
EEDI Board

Attest:

Roma Holley, City Secretary