

**GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES**

**GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING
820 ST JOSEPH STREET
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 26, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.**

The Regular Called Meeting of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation was held on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.. via teleconference pursuant to Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code and in accordance with the March 16, 2020 order by the Governor of the State of Texas.

The meeting agenda and packet were posted online at www.gonzales.texas.gov.

The public was offered a toll-free dial in number to participate in the telephone conference hosted through FreeConferenceCall.com.

1. Call to Order

President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

President Rodriguez gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum

Present:

Andy Rodriguez, President
Meena Patel, Vice-President
Larry Wehde, Treasurer
Gerri Lawing, Secretary
Dan Blakemore
Connie Kacir
Ken Morrow (newly elected – short introduction)

A quorum was declared present.

Staff attending:

Jennifer Kolbe, EDC Director (Andy asked for an introduction of the newly hired EDC Director, at which time Mrs. Kolbe introduced herself)

Tim Patek, City Manager

Liz Reiley, Main Street Manager

4. Petitions or Requests from the Public

None

5. Discussion and possible action to elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation.

Connie Kacir made the motion to move by acclamation all officers remain in their current roles on the EDC Board. Dan Blakemore seconded the motion. President Rodriguez called for the vote:

Unanimous vote, in favor.

The motion carried.

2020-2021 EDC Officers:

Andy Rodriguez, Chairman

Meena Patel, Vice

Gerri Lawing, Secretary

Larry Wehde, Treasurer

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the following meeting:

a. September 28, 2020

Meena Patel made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28th meeting as is. Connie Kacir Second the motion.

No discussion was held the minutes were approved.

7. Discussion and possible action to consider a Business Incentive Grant from Kelsey Robinson for South Co. Salon Sweet & Boutique located at 1119 Water Street, Unit A, Gonzales, Texas, 78629.

Andy Rodriguez commented, since the grant application was newly approved, he would like to form a committee to review them. Andy Rodriguez then appointed Ken Morrow as Chairman of the Grant Review Committee (Ken nodded in approval) and himself (Andy Rodriguez) as committee member; to review and guide applicants through the grant process.

It was determined that the grant would be tabled at this time because they would need time to review and contact the applicant for additional information.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve an expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 for roof repairs and improvements to the Lynn Theatre.

Dan Blakemore explained the bids received, type of materials to be used, & full scope to complete the roof improvement project. He also explained that there was an addition to the theatre, at one time, that was quite troublesome. He recommends the board remove this addition to restore and repair the theatre properly.

Dan Blakemore also made the motion that the GEDC approve the expenditure of funds not to exceed the amount of \$45,000.00 for roofing repairs and improvements to the Lynn Theatre. Ken Morrow second the motion.

Motion carries with unanimous vote.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the Investment Policy for the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation.

Discussion was held on how the Board needed more information on how to implement this particular item. After much discussion, it was determined that no action would be taken as this time.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a digital billboard to replace the existing Gonzales Industrial Park entrance sign and a new digital billboard to be in the downtown area.

President Andy Rodriguez stated he would like to table this agenda item until the November meeting as they did not have a permanent EDC Director at the time.

11. Discussion regarding the monthly financial report(s) for September, 2020:

- a. Balance Sheet
- b. Financial Statement
- c. Bank Reconciliation
- d. Sales Tax Revenues (October 2019 - September 2020)
- e. Quarterly Investment Report

Larry Wehde read the financials for September and reported on the sales tax revenues for FY 2019-2020. Financials accepted and filed for audit.

12. Reports and/or announcements on the following items:

a. Update from Meena Patel regarding the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor center relocation and renovation project.

Meena Patel stressed the importance of the Chamber & Visitors Center as they are the first impression of Gonzales. She urges the board to go by to see the building and current office in which the visitor center is housed.

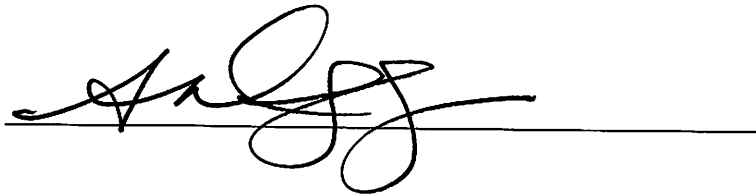
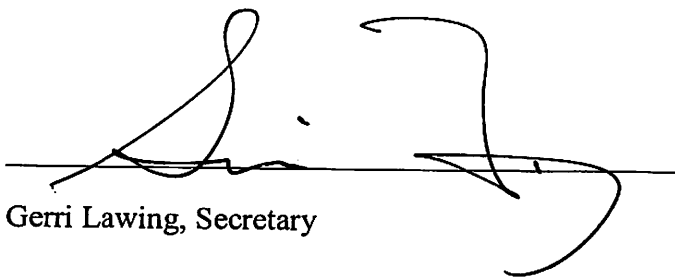
b. Board President update:

Andy Rodriguez & Jeff Moore have been working closely on the airport improvements discussion at the November meeting.

Adjournment

President Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of November, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Rodriguez", written over a horizontal line.A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerri Lawing", written over a horizontal line.

Gerri Lawing, Secretary