



**GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
CITY OF GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING
820 ST JOSEPH STREET
GONZALES, TEXAS 78629
APRIL 25, 2022, 6:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance Andy Rodriguez lead the prayer and Larry Wehde lead the pledge of allegiance.
3. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum
Board Members in attendance:
Andy Rodriguez, President Gerri Lawing, Secretary
Larry Wehde, Treasurer Dan Blakemore, Director
Chris Brunken, Director

Board Members Absent: Ken Morrow

Staff Present:
Jennifer Kolbe, Economic Development Director
Tiffany Hutchinson Padilla – Main Street Director

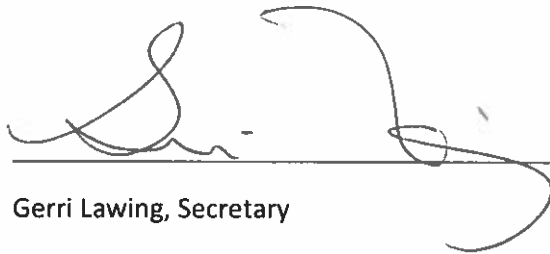
Guest: Gerri Biddle Harold Strom
4. Petitions or Request from the Public - There were no petitions from the public.
5. Discussion and possible action approving the minutes for the February 28, 2022, and April 4, 2022, minutes. Dan Blakemore made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 28, 2022, and April 4, 2022. Chris Brunken seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Discussion regarding the monthly financial report(s) for March 2022
 - a. Balance Sheet
 - b. Financial Statement
 - c. Bank Reconciliation
 - d. Investment Report

There were comments about the financial reports. They are accepted as presented and will be filed for audit purposes.

7. Consideration and action designating Sage Capital Bank as the GEDC depository and authorizing the GEDC President to enter into a depository agreement. Treasure Larry Wehde explained the process for choosing the financial institution. Proposals received are available for review in the economic development files. Dan Blakemore made the motion to designate Sage Capital Bank as the GEDC depository and authorize the GEDC President to enter into a depository agreement. Chris Brunken seconded the motion and the motion carried.
8. Election of a Vice President to fill an unexpired term until September 30, 2022. Gerri Lawing nominated Chris Brunken to fill the unexpired term of Vice President. Larry Wehde seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Consideration and action regarding appointing a Bylaw Review Committee. Andy Rodriguez appointed Andy Rodriguez and Dan Blakemore to served on a Bylaw Review Committee. A Long-Range Planning Committee was also formed. Andy Rodriguez appointed Chris Brunken and Gerri Lawing to the Long-Range Planning Committee.
10. Consideration and action regarding Holiday Inn and Sleep Inn and Suites. No action was taken.
11. Consideration and action amending a loan agreement with Storey Jewelers, Inc. After a discussion regarding the current loan policy and a determination that Storey Jewelers, Inc. is eligible for loan forgiveness Gerri Lawing made a motion to forgive ½ of the loan after Storey Jewelers pays ½ of the current loan balance. The motion was seconded by Chris Brunken. The motion passed unanimously. There was discussion that this item was passed contingent Jennifer Kolbe determining if the item needs City Council approval.
12. Consideration and action regarding outstanding loans. Andy Rodriguez presented a “Loan Audit Deficiencies Research Report” based on meeting minutes and documents from the official GEDC records. A copy of the document and back up documentation is on file as part of the official GEDC records. Andy Rodriguez recommended that we (the board) continue to work on the documents that are deficient with the remaining loans. No action was taken.
13. Consideration and action regarding the Second Amendment to a Loan Agreement with WinBin Ventures – Microtel Hotel Dan Blakemore made a motion to approve the Second Amendment to Loan Agreement with Winbin Ventures. The motion was seconded by Chris Brunken. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Budget Workshop – Jennifer Kolbe presented a draft budget which included a broad overview of proposed expenditures for fiscal year 2022-23 and received feedback from the board. The draft budget was a result of an initial meeting with Treasurer Larry Wehde and City Manager Tim Patek. Significant changes over the previous year include, adding staff, the cost of insurance coverage for the Lynn and increasing the amount paid to the City of Gonzales as part of the Administrative Agreement. A decrease the cost of flags and funds allocated for land purchases reduce the bottom line over last year’s budget. Additional budget workshops will be held and there will time for board feedback and input at the May and June EDC meetings.
15. Updates from the Executive Director:
- a. Community-wide Economic Development Workshop – Jennifer Kolbe reported that more than 60 community leaders attended the workshop. Feedback included a need for housing and a need for the community to work on its “charm”. The speaker mentioned that downtown was “our living room” and that downtown could use some love.
 - b. 2521 Harwood Road – The fence is almost complete, and demolition has begun.
16. Adjourn There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THE 23rd day of May 2022.



Gerri Lawing, Secretary



Andy Rodriguez