



**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING  
GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
CITY OF GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
820 ST JOSEPH STREET  
GONZALES, TEXAS 78629  
APRIL 24, 2023, 6:00 PM  
MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order-President Ken Morrow called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance-President Ken Morrow lead both the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum

Board Members in Attendance:

Ken Morrow, President	Dan Blakemore, Director
Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Secretary	Ryan Lee, Director
Rafe Jackson, Treasurer	

Board Members Absent:

Chris Brunken, Vice President  
Melissa Cowey, Director

Staff Participating:

Tim Crow, City Manager	Tiffany Hutchinson Padilla, Main Street Director
Alexis Cerda, EDC Administrative Assistant	Chad Chancellor, Interim EDC Director

4. Petitions or Request from the Public-there were none.
5. Discussion and possible action approving the minutes for the March 27, 2023, meeting. Dan Blakemore made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Elmer Avellaneda seconded the motion. A poll vote was taken, the motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion regarding the monthly financial report(s) for March 2023-there were no questions regarding the monthly financial report. They will be filed for audit.
  - a. Balance Sheet
  - b. Financial Statement
  - c. Bank Reconciliation
  - d. Sales Tax
7. Discuss, consider, and possible action on declaring certain GEDC property surplus-30x60 Flags. Dan Blakemore made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02. Ryan Lee seconded the motion. A poll vote was taken, the motion carried unanimously.
8. Discuss, consider, and possible action on Main Street Improvement Grant for 601 N St Joseph. Ryan Lee made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03. Rafe Jackson seconded the motion. A poll vote was taken, the motion carried unanimously.
9. Discuss, consider, and possible action on presentation from Main Street regarding upper-level housing in downtown Gonzales. Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla gave a presentation on At Home Main Street. No action was taken.
10. Discuss, consider, and possible action on a professional services contract with Bluedot regarding an Open Rewards Program. Dr. Elmer Avellaneda requested that this item be tabled until an Executive Director is named. No other action was taken.
11. Discuss, consider, and possible action on a new Gonzales Economic Development Corporation Business Incentive Grant Application and Guidelines. President Ken Morrow made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-05. Ryan Lee seconded the motion. A poll vote was taken, the motion carried unanimously.
12. The GEDC Board will meet in closed session in accordance with Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

The GEDC Board convened into closed session at 7:00pm.

**Section 551.071** consultation with attorney.

**Section 551.072** to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

The GEDC reconvened into open session at 7:22pm. Ryan Lee made a motion that we allow EDC Staff, Acting EDC Director, and City Manager to pursue possible transactions in the Industrial Park. Dan Blakemore seconded the motion. A poll vote was taken, the motion carried unanimously.

13. Budget Workshop. No action was taken.

14. Updates from the Executive Director:

- a) Sidewalk Project-City Manager Tim Crow stated that the sidewalk project was nearing completion, there was a slight delay due to the inclement weather, but the project should be close to completion by the end of April.
- b) Airport Expansion Plan-City Manager Tim Crow stated that the Airport Expansion Plan was back and had been approved by the FAA.
- c) Memorial Museum-City Manager Tim Crow stated that the Museum project was moving along and the electrical work in the south wing had begun.
- d) Retail Strategies-Administrative Assistant Alexis Cerda stated that the ICSC Las Vegas Conference was happening on May 21-23 and Retail Strategies was sent some corrections to make for the Retail Guide and we are awaiting the newest addition of it.
- e) Job Fairs-no update given.

15. Adjourn-Ryan Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Blakemore seconded the motion.

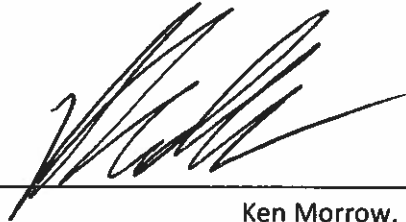
The meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THE 22<sup>nd</sup> day of MAY 2023.



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Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Secretary



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Ken Morrow, President

