

March 21, 2022
Yoakum Community Center
Conference Room – 11:30 AM

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

PRESENT: Sean Mooney.....President
Whitney Boone.....Vice-President
Linda Schmidt.....Secretary
Layne Brandt.....Director
Carl O'Neill.....Director
Michael Trojcek.....Director
Terry Stokes.....Executive Director
Kevin M. Coleman.....City Manager
Theresa A. Bowe.....City Clerk

ABSENT: None

President Mooney called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM and guests were welcomed.

Motion by Secretary Schmidt to approve the minutes of the monthly YEDC meeting from February 21, 2022 as presented. Second was made by Vice-President Boone. Motion carried unanimously.

Under President's Report, President Mooney recognized Lynette Morrison for public comments. Ms. Morrison indicated that she would like the board to consider certain items during their next workshop. Information was presented. President Mooney expressed his appreciation to the Board for their support in electing him as president and had no additional information to report for this meeting.

A report from the Finance Committee was presented by ED Stokes. Receipts were received as requested for the request for funding by Embroidery Express associated with its approved Downtown Business District Revitalization Grant. After review and discussion, Director Trojcek made a motion approve the request for reimbursement as presented. It was noted that additional funding remains in the original grant as approved if the owners are able to document additional repairs. Second was made by Vice-President Boone and motion carried unanimously.

An update was provided on the Marketing and Communications Committee – information presented by Vice-President Boone. Information was presented regarding the website including prioritization of the design and implementation.


Under Executive Director's Report/Discussion: an update on the issuance of a Request for Proposals for Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Engineering Services for the Development of Yoakum Industrial Park II was provided. The RFP has been issued; twelve requests were sent out; the deadline for request for clarifications has passed and received questions will be addressed. The due date for proposals is March 28, 2022. An update on activities associated with the development of Yoakum Industrial Park II (Project IP2) was provided. ED Stokes indicated a slight delay on getting the structures removed; GVEC took a while to arrive and remove the electric lines; the mover has been delayed due to weather; the agriculture/livestock

will be moved off prior to other issues that need to be addressed. ED Stokes informed the Board that there are other funding opportunities available for the project in addition to ARPA based EDA funding. Preliminary engineering information will provide preliminary design and costs associated with the infrastructure needed for the project. Requests for information were fielded. A pipeline company has requested permission to survey of the IP2 property for possible installation of a pipeline. Discussion was held and information presented regarding the best location of the pipeline for future use of the IP2 tract and its eventual path across TXDOT and the City's Airport property. Consensus of the Board to decline the permission to survey at this time and request the company have conversation with the Texas Department of Transportation to determine other feasible options. An update on the status of the development of YEDC's 2021-2030 Strategic Plan was provided. Three more chapters of the 10 chapter document have been completed. Strengthening of home grown entrepreneurs, pulling in out of town entrepreneurs, and developing an incubator building in the downtown area remain top priorities.

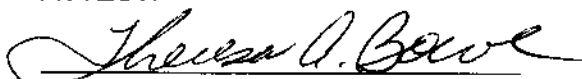
Director O'Neill excused himself from the meeting to tend to other business.

Vice-President Boone announced that the Board would enter into Executive Session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the YEDC Executive Director (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074) at 12:35 PM. The meeting reopened to the public at 1:22 PM with no action resulting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 PM.


Sean Mooney, President

ATTEST:


Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk

