

November 20, 2023
Yoakum City Hall
Conference Room – 4:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESENT: Layne Brandt President
Whitney Boone Vice-President
Linda Schmidt Secretary
Carl O'Neill Director
Pam Ward Director
Tanya Wenzel Director
Genora Young Executive Director
Theresa A. Bowe City Clerk

ABSENT: Michael Trojcek Director

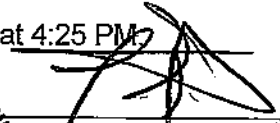
The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM.

Motion by Director Ward to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2023 meeting and November 2, 2023 Public Hearing, and the November 2, 2023 Special Meeting of the YEDC Board of Directors as presented. Second was made by Vice-President Boone; motion carried unanimously.

A Financial Report was presented by Debbie Gray, Director of Finance indicating that interest is above budget for the year, that credit card statements will be itemized and more detailed moving forward, and the financials will be presented in on accrual basis rather than a cash basis. Motion by Director O'Neill to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Director Wenzel and carried unanimously.

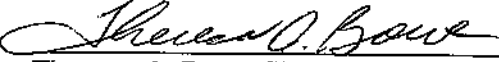
Under Executive Director's Report, ED Young provided updates regarding Performance Agreements including Varela's Best indicating that the proposed performance agreement has been provided to Mr. Varela for review; and the Kaspar Horse Barn/Welhausen Legacy dba Circle Y noting that performance guidelines have been agreed upon and the agreement is being developed for signatures. An update was provided on the Recompete Grant Memorandum of Understanding and Billing. The MOU has been reviewed with the City Attorney and seems to be in order. The Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission will be part of the funding; up to 60% of the funds may be utilized for grant coordinator fee, saving the partners roughly \$4K. Partners include Gonzales EDC, Yoakum EDC, Hallettsville, the City of Edna and the GCRPC. ED Young indicated that the group has put together a strong application prepared by CSRS and the application has been submitted. The MOU is for Phase 1; if awarded, there is 100% funding covering allowable expenses. If awarded in Phase I, applicants can then apply for Phase II. Executive Director meetings were reviewed including the Rural Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC) on November 9, 2023, the Texas Municipal League Economic Development Conference held on November 16,17, 2023 which provided excellent information on improving community aesthetics, legislative issues, and outlined new guidelines on Texas cities' authority to convey properties. This tool provides negotiating power for cities moving forward. Information was presented on Ring Central Phone service. ED Young has requested termination and is working to complete payment process.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.


Layne Brandt, President



ATTEST:


Theresa A. Bowe, TRMC
City Clerk