

REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Monday, January 12, 2015  
Public Works Meeting Room  
900 Irvine St – 11:30 AM

PRESENT: Tim Faulkner..... President  
Anita R. Rodriguez..... Vice-President  
Arthur G. Hermann III..... Secretary  
Tommy Barre..... Director  
Gery Maneth..... Director  
Larry Leahy..... Director  
Zenith Stevens..... Director  
Kevin Coleman..... City Manager  
Theresa A. Bowe..... City Clerk  
Sandra Jacob..... Director of Finance  
Debbie Sadler..... Director of Economic Development

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by President Faulkner at 11:45 AM.

A motion was made by Director Hermann with a second by Director Maneth to adopt the minutes from the meetings of December 6 & December 8, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

After review and questions regarding expenditures, a motion was made by Director Rodriguez to accept the financial report as presented. Second was made by Director Stevens and motion carried unanimously.

The monthly Sales Tax Comparison Report was provided for review. President Faulkner reminded the Board that rebates are received by the City from the Texas State Comptroller of Public Accounts based on sales tax revenue within the City limits. The YEDC receives ¼ of those proceeds and are allowed to expend those funds for economic development purposes as outlined in State law.

Plans were discussed to coordinate a meeting between the YEDC, the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce and local realtors. The basis of the meeting will be to provide details of the YEDC programs to both the Chamber and local realtors, and to receive input from the individuals in attendance. Date was scheduled for January 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Discussion was held regarding a cleanup effort in the downtown area. President Faulkner asked for permission to contact a company to pressure wash the downtown sidewalks and curbs. After discussion, Director Rodriguez made a motion to authorize the President to enter into a contract to pressure wash the sidewalks, curbs and gutters from Irvine to Front Streets. Motion was seconded by Director Maneth and carried unanimously.

The Board was reminded of protocol to have items placed on the meeting agendas if the need arises. Information can be provided to President Faulkner, City Manager Kevin Coleman, or Director of Economic Development Debbie Sadler. Directors Maneth and Barre will be meeting with representatives from Caterpillar, Inc. and Yoakum Independent School District to discuss training needs and ways to provide that training to YISD students that will benefit the students, as well as Caterpillar: a report will be provided at the next Board meeting. Items that may be discussed at future: review of the New Retail Programs; suggestions for additional grant programs; curbs & gutters for downtown business owners; and grant funds for major renovation projects.