

REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, April 13, 2015
City Hall Conference Room – 11:30 AM

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

The meeting was called to order by President Faulkner at 11:40 AM.

A motion was made by Director Hermann with a second by Director Leahy to adopt the minutes from the meeting of March 9, 2015 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

An application for funding from the Journey House at 207 Schrimsher Street was presented for review and consideration. Mrs. Kathy Smith was present to provide information and answer questions. Bids on the proposed project were provided for the Board's information. Journey House is a non-profit (501(c)3) organization to provide care to women and children. The people the Journey House assists stay with them free of charge with the understanding that they participate in at least 4 hours of community service per week and hold a part-time job. The Journey House teaches the attendees job skills, interview skills, and helps them get jobs. The goal of the organization is to help the participants grow as productive members of society. The stay is temporary in the program; each month the participants are evaluated and some are allowed to stay for up to six months. They have had eight women go through the program. The request is for \$5,000 to assist with the roof replacement. Questions were presented and addressed. After discussion, motion was made by Director Maneth to approve the application and grant \$5,000 for funding of the project. Second was made by Director Hermann. Motion carried unanimously.

An update was provided by President Faulkner on the downtown cleanup project. Before and after photos were provided; 22 hours were spent on the project at a cost of \$3,300. The Board was pleased with the outcome.

Discussion was held regarding the original three grant programs. A suggestion was made to plan for two application processes throughout the year. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to allow applications to be received for the June and October meetings for this year; after this year, applications will be accepted and reviewed at the April and October meetings.

Information was provided regarding the definition of "family" as it pertains to restrictions of City employee and Board member relationships to grant applicants for funding through the Yoakum Economic Development Corporation. After discussion, staff was given direction to research surrounding cities' policies to provide options for the Board at the next meeting.

Membership commitments to certain professional organizations was brought before the Board for input. Texas One - \$1,500 membership fee per year has expired as of this date; Team Texas and IAMC

(International Asset Management Council) fit together in some instances. The cost to be a member of both organizations would be \$4,500. The forums are held all over the United States, so travel cost would be associated with becoming a member of that group. Benefits of joining were reviewed, including networking and resources for projects that may come about, as well as access to site selectors and end users. Registration fees and travel expenses were discussed. After discussion, motion by Director Rodriguez to authorize membership to Team Texas; second by Director Maneth. Motion carried unanimously.

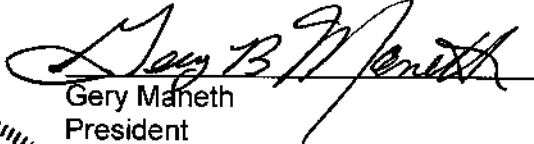
The Financial Report and Sales Tax Comparison Report were presented for review. Motion to accept the Financial Report as presented was made by Director Maneth with a second by Director Leahy. Motion carried unanimously.

Under the Director of Economic Development Report, a written report was provided. She is still working on identifying businesses in the downtown business district with the assistance of City staff. She will be attending Sales Tax Training on June 26, 2015. Plans are still in progress for the Business Appreciation Luncheon on May 13, 2015 at the Yoakum Community Center and details were discussed. RSVPs will be due by May 5, 2015. Invitation proposals were provided for review and preference of the Board. The new logo samples were provided for review and will be incorporated into the invitations. Door prizes will be furnished by the YEDC. The Eagle Ford Shale Conference is May 27 – May 29, 2015 in San Antonio and will be attending. An invitation was received to view the oldest business incubator in Texas in Houston, Texas. ED Director Sadler has begun the process of re-establishing the Airport Advisory Board.

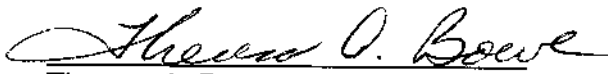
With the resignation of President Faulkner from the YEDC Board, motion by Director Hermann to elect Director Gery Maneth as the YEDC President. Motion was seconded by Director Rodriguez and carried unanimously.

At 12:48 PM, President Faulkner announced that the Board would convene into Executive Session to deliberate regarding economic development negotiations for a business prospect (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.087), and to deliberate regarding economic development negotiations for a local business enhancement prospect (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.087). The meeting re-opened to the public at 1:25 PM with no action resulting from Executive Session.

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 11:30 AM on Monday, May 11, 2015 at City Hall. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.


Gery Maneth
President

Attest:


Theresa A. Bowe
City Clerk

