

September 20, 2021
Yoakum Community Center
Conference Room – 11:30 AM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESENT: Gery Maneth..... President
Layne Brandt..... Director
Sean Mooney..... Director
Carl O'Neill..... Director
Michael Trojcek..... Director
Terry Stokes..... Executive Director
Theresa A. Bowe..... City Clerk

ABSENT: Whitney Boone..... Vice-President
Linda Schmidt..... Director
Kevin M. Coleman..... City Manager

President Maneth called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM and guests were welcomed.

Annie Rodriguez was recognized for her 21 years of service on the Board and presented with a plaque of appreciation.

Motion by Director Trojcek to elect Gery Maneth as President, Whitney Boone as Vice-President, and Sean Mooney as Secretary for a one-year term. Second was made by Director Mooney; motion carried unanimously.

Director O'Neill made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 16, 2021 as presented. Motion was seconded by Secretary Mooney and carried unanimously.

Review was held of the current status of the construction of the parking lot paving project at 306 Irvine Street. The first density test failed on the area; each following density test will be at the contractor's expense. The second density test passed for the first layer. Discussion was held regarding procedures that will be provided to ensure the appropriate density levels are suitable. Elevations will need to be corrected. Corrections will be made at the contractor's expense.

Motion by Secretary Mooney to appoint Layne Brandt as the Liaison to the DeWitt County Judge's office. Second was made by Michael Trojcek. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Secretary Mooney to appoint Gery Maneth as Chair of the Recruitment and Nomination Committee. Second was made by Director O'Neill; motion carried unanimously.

Under Executive Director's Report/Discussion: ED Stokes updated the Board on Economic Development Administration funding activities associated with the development of Industrial Park II. This project will require the strategic plan to be updated. ED Stokes will begin that project to meet the deadline. The Yoakum Economic Development Corporation Board By-Laws will be required to be update. Copies of the Articles of Incorporation will be needed. The request for proposals will be sent out, followed by the engineering review. The transfer from the City to the YEDC of the Dewberry Patch has been completed and a survey will be done. Letters of support were received for the project; appreciation was expressed to Dr. Boone for her committee's assistance and to Director

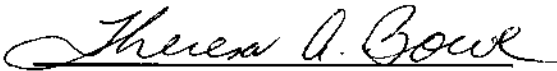
Schmidt and her staff for brokering the letters of support from elected officials. ED Stokes updated the Board on business attraction, retention, and expansion efforts. Funding opportunities through the US Department of Agriculture will be investigated. The Corporation is putting in a proposal for a "stir-fry" project. An update was provided on Yoakum General Store's Business Retail Enhancement Grant. Economic development-related news articles from the past month were distributed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:22 PM.



Gery B. Maneth
President

ATTEST:



Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk

