

March 17, 2026
Yoakum City Hall
Conference Room – 11:30 AM

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD
OF DIRECTORS

PRESENT: Layne Brandt President
Linda Schmidt Secretary/Treasurer
Carl O'Neill Director (arrived late)
Michael Trojcek Director
Tanya Wenzel Director

ABSENT: Whitney Boone..... Vice President
Pam Ward..... Director

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
Genora Young Executive Director
Christy Riggs..... City Finance Director

President Brandt called the meeting to order at 11:38 A.M.

President Brandt directed the Board to the review of the February 24, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. Secretary Treasurer Schmidt moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Director Wenzel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report was presented by City Finance Director, Christy Riggs. Ms. Riggs updated the Board regarding Chymoon Vintage & Antiques. President Brandt asked that all recently approved grants be reflected under Unrestricted Funds section. Ms. Riggs confirmed this update will be made. ED Young noted Yoakum Lube & Tire will be funded quarterly over a one year period; Taqueria Vallarta in the amount of \$6,501; Double D Ranchwear remains outstanding under Restricted Funds. Secretary Treasurer Schmidt moved to accept the financial report as presented. Director O'Neill seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ED Young presented the YEDC Grant Program forms for Board review in preparation for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget process. She recommended implementing an annual review of the grant program and encouraged Board feedback. Any approved changes would be implemented at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

The Board received information regarding the Capstone project approved by the Yoakum City Council. After detailed explanation of the project, Director Trojcek moved to approve \$1,000 in partnership with the City of Yoakum to defray the expenses of the capstone project. Secretary/Treasurer Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Directors Director's Update

a) Industrial Park II (IP2) – Discussions with Guadalupe Valley Electric Coop (GVEC) representatives included temporary power to IP2 in early April for lift station construction. Cost estimates for power/fiber are pending. Board consensus suggested surplus grant funds may be better used for infrastructure such as road development.

b) Website Development - Site launch is pending upload of 2025-2026 agendas and minutes. Training will follow activation.

c) March 9, 2026 Regional Planning Workshops – Representatives from DeWitt, Gonzales, and Lavaca Counties participated in Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) workshops hosted by Yoakum EDC. CSRS facilitated the sessions.

d) YEDC Grant Program – Future committee discussions may evaluate enhancements during the FY 2026-2027 budget process.

The Board did not enter into Executive Session

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Layne Brandt, President

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, TRMC
City Clerk