

June 16, 2026
Yoakum City Hall
Conference Room 5:00 PM

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESENT:

Layne Brandt..... President
Whitney Boone.....Vice-President (arrived 5:13 PM)
Linda M. Schmidt.....Secretary/Treasurer
Carl L. O'Neill.....Director
Michael Trojcek.....Director
Pam Ward.....Director
Tanya Wenzel.....Director (arrived 5:07 PM)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Mitchell.....City Manager
Genora Young.....Executive Director
Theresa A. Bowe.....City Clerk

President Brandt called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

Executive Director Young presented a grant application submitted by Ella Hopkins for Connecting the Dots Childcare requesting assistance for façade improvements, fencing, and landscaping at 801 and 803 Boyle Street. Ms. Hopkins addressed the Board regarding her plans to open the childcare facility by the end of July 2026 and answered questions from the Board. Director Pam Ward moved to approve the grant application in an amount not to exceed \$3,528.27. Secretary/Treasurer Linda Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt opened the public hearing regarding the Connecting the Dots Childcare grant application. No public comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

Executive Director Young presented a grant application from Justin and Tara Henke for H4 Associates/Listen Up Consulting for renovations to the property located at 204 U.S. Highway 77A South. The applicants described plans to renovate the former Charm Shop into a mixed-use retail, office, and counseling facility. Secretary/Treasurer Schmidt moved to approve grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$11,700. Director Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt opened the public hearing for the Henke grant application. No comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

Executive Director Young presented the grant application from Zachariah Bordovsky for Handy Stop Nursery. The proposed project included parking lot, sidewalk, nursery flooring, restroom, and employee area improvements. Mr. Bordovsky was unable to attend the meeting. Director Tanya Wenzel moved to approve funding in an amount not to exceed \$22,263.75. Vice-President Boone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt opened the public hearing for the Handy Stop Nursery grant application. No comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

President Brandt directed the Board to consider approval of the May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes and the May 27, 2026 Special Meeting minutes. Director O'Neill moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The monthly Financial Report was presented. Discussion included renewal of an upcoming certificate of deposit upon maturity. Secretary/Treasurer Schmidt moved to accept the financial report as presented. Director Wenzel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed possible amendments to the YEDC Grant Program. Executive Director Young requested guidance regarding possible policy and procedural revisions to improve the application review process. No action was taken.

Executive Director Young presented updates regarding Industrial Park II, website development, Opportunity Zone 2.0, and a data center inquiry related to Industrial Park II.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:56 P.M. pursuant to Sections 551.072 and 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate Project "Check Point." The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:02 P.M. No action was taken following Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

Layne Brandt, President

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, TRMC
City Clerk