

April 21, 2026
Yoakum City Hall
Conference Room – 11:30 AM

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD
OF DIRECTORS

PRESENT: Layne Brandt President
Whitney Boone Vice-President
Linda Schmidt Secretary/Treasurer
Carl O'Neill Director (arrived late)
Michael Trojcak Director
Tanya Wenzel Director
Pam Ward Director

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Mitchell City Manager
Genora Young Executive Director
Theresa Bowe City Clerk
Christy Riggs City Finance Director

President Brandt called the meeting to order at 11:37 A.M.

President Brandt directed the Board to the review of the March 17, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. Director Trojcak moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Secretary/Treasurer Schmidt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report was presented by City Finance Director, Christy Riggs. The large CD was renewed on March 30th, and all paperwork with designated signatories is updated. Grant information was updated on the April financials. Secretary/Treasurer Schmidt moved to accept the financial report as presented. Vice-President Boone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ED Young presented information on several initiatives:

A. Industrial Park II (IP2)

Per the contractor at IP2, equipment has been delayed for the construction of the lift station. GVEC estimated a cost of \$35,000 to bring temporary power to IP2 which is required for the construction of the lift station.

B. Website Development

Initial training was completed for the website and Eisenberg & Associates staff were responsive in addressing questions and resolving minor glitches.

C. Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission – REDAC Meeting (April 9, 2026)

GCRPC staff reviewed Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC) bylaws and presented proposed amendments, which were distributed to members following the meeting. REDAC members requested clarification for the October 29, 2025 meeting minutes and also requested more detailed information in the financial reports. Consultant group, CSRS, a Westwood Company of Baton Rouge, LA. is contracted to develop the 2025-2030 5-year Comprehensive Economic

Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan. The information developed by CSRS is intended to replace data and information provided by the New Mark Study in the development of the previous 5-year CEDS.

D. City & County Governance Symposium (April 16, 2026)

Eight representatives from Yoakum attended the symposium in College Station. Panel discussions included Community Partnerships, Grant Making & Management, Community Development, and Disaster Response.

The highlight of the day included the opportunity to meet five graduate students assigned to the Yoakum Capstone Project and two applicants for the Intern position. Following completion of the Capstone, Yoakum will explore other opportunities to leverage the resources of Texas A&M University for the benefit of the community.

A follow-up meeting with the eight Yoakum attendees is recommended to review key takeaways and discuss next steps.

E. Opportunity Zone 2.0

The YEDC Finance Committee met April 13, 2026 to review information from the Governor's Office regarding Opportunity Zone 2.0. Very few people were aware of the Zone or its purpose or advantages. The program became permanent under recent federal legislation, One Big Beautiful Bill. Additional research and outreach to the Council of Development Finance Agencies is underway. Updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

The Board did not enter into Executive Session

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

Layne Brandt, President

ATTEST:

Theresa A. Bowe, TRMC
City Clerk