



STEPHENVILLE TYPE B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
Stephenville, Texas
Thursday, August 17, 2023

The Stephenville Type B Economic Development Authority convened on Thursday, August 17th, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., in the SEDA conference room at 1050 Airport Road, Stephenville, Texas, with the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date and time, place and subject thereof, having been posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, with the following members present, to wit:

Directors: Chris Gifford

Metta Collier

Malcolm Cross

Wendell Hollingsworth

Gerald Cook

Lori Beaty

Kelijon Nance

Also in attendance: ex-officio members, President Jeff Sandford, Vice President Ashleigh Feuerbacher

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Stephenville Type B Economic Development Authority was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Gifford.

II. President's Report

- President Sandford updated the board on the progress of all ongoing projects that began construction. He also presented performance metrics and outlooks for existing businesses.
- An update for the new SEDA Headquarters was presented regarding floor plans and architecture. No additional cost is needed to bring the new headquarters to fruition.
- President Sandford and Vice President Feuerbacher discussed the importance of helping new and existing small businesses.
- Discussion took place between the president and the board regarding the new TSU event center, its potential uses, and the overall positive impact it will have on the TAMUS and the Stephenville community.
- President Sandford outlined future networking events, including Retail Live in Austin, TX, and the annual TEDC Conference in Houston, TX. He mentioned meetings and discussions are on the itinerary for these events that will yield positive results for economic development in Stephenville and surrounding counties.

III. Presentation and discussion of SEDA's 2023-2024 workforce initiative

Discussions occurred amongst the board regarding the new SEDA workforce initiative. It was determined that working with Stephenville ISD and the Texas Workforce Commission to create a workforce initiative program will be a positive step towards getting high school-aged students prepared for the workforce. SEDA, with help from its partners, wants to continue investing in the upcoming generation to be successful in the workforce. **No Action Taken**

IV. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from Regular Meeting: July 20, 2023

b. Minutes from Called Meeting: August 2, 2023

b. Financial Report, ending July 31, 2023

Motion by Kelijon Nance, seconded by Lori Beaty, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion Approved.**

V. Presentation and possible action on Façade Grant Applicants

a. 204 River North Blvd, Texas Central For Oral and Facial Surgery.

Façade Grant Application Presented, **No Action Taken.**

VI. The Board went into Executive Session at 4:25 p.m. In compliance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, Subchapter D, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, in accordance with Section 551.087 Economic Development: discussion concerning the following project;

- 1. Project Reload**
- 2. Project Vulcan**
- 3. Project Feather**
- 4. Project Green Tub**
- 5. Project Blue**

VII. Action taken on matters discussed in Executive Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 5:22 p.m.

Motion by Lori Beaty, seconded by Gerald Cook, to approve the SEDA President to negotiate the infrastructure improvement on the property discussed in the executive session. **Wendell Hollingsworth Abstain, Motion Approved.**

VIII. Adjourn

Chairman Gifford adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.