

STEPHENVILLE TYPE B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting by Video Conference
Stephenville, Texas
Thursday July 23rd, 2020

The Stephenville Type B Economic Development Authority convened on Thursday, July 23rd, 2020 by video conference providing a live feed for the purpose of a regular business meeting, 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:

President:	Shelby Slawson
Vice President:	Chris Gifford
Treasurer:	Fisher Rinderknecht
Secretary:	Marion Cole
Directors:	Malcolm Cross Casey Hogan Wendell Hollingsworth

Also in attendance: ex – officio members Jeff Sandford, Mark McClinton, July Danley, Joe Brown and Assistant Director Ashleigh Feuerbacher.

- I. **Call to Order.** The meeting of the Stephenville Type B Economic Development Authority was called to order at 11:31 a.m. by President Slawson.
- II. **SEDA ReSTART PROGRAM (COVID-19), UPDATE AND DISCUSSION**
The SEDA ReSTART program covers three areas; PPE supply issues, communicating resources, and a marketing program to support our local businesses. Sandford reported that staff has continued in the distribution of sanitizer, thermometers and face masks, all items have been very helpful to the business community. The resource section of ReSTART has focused on the personal services loan program for this month. SEDA and the City partnered on this initiative and, to date, have funded ten applications for a total of \$25,000. The third component of ReSTART launched June 23rd with the LSMX marketing program which is available for all businesses in our community to receive a targeted marketing grant which is about a \$1000.00 value. To date SEDA has 25 licenses available, 17 businesses participated in the conference call and 10 campaigns are in the que.
- III. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**
Sandford reported on several local happenings that are scheduled. Pinspiration will host their ribbon cutting 8/6/2020, Wendy's will open 8/11/2020, and Harbor Freight Tools is currently up and open for business in the University Plaza Center. Staff has been in communication with Congressman Williams office regarding the experience, success and impact the PPP and EIDL played locally. Staff is busy with webinars and training thru the Governor's Office to prepare and focus on the recovery efforts that will be most beneficial for our business community.
- IV. **CONSIDER & DISCUSS FAÇADE GRANT APPLICANT, BRIAN HAILE.**
Staff presented the façade grant application submitted by Mr. Haile. The application met all program requirements and eligibility for façade improvements at 2185 W. South Loop. Motion made by Chris Gifford, second by Fisher Rinderknecht to approve the façade grant application as presented and in accordance with the program. Motion Passes.

V. CONSIDER & DISCUSS APPOINTING A BUDGET TASK FORCE

In preparation for the 20 – 21 fiscal year, the SEDA Board of Directors assigned a budget task force to assist staff in budget preparation. Treasurer, Fisher Rinderknecht along with Casey Hogan volunteered to work with Mr. Sandford to review and discuss the proposed budget prior to Board submission.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Marion Cole, second by Casey Hogan to approve the consent agenda. Motion passes.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION. President Slawson recessed the open portion of the meeting and called the Board into an executive session at 12:07 p.m. in compliance with 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:

**PROJECT BLUE
PROJECT QUARTER
PROJECT ROSE
PROJECT CS
PROJECT EAGLE
PROJECT INDY**

Directors reconvened in open session at 12:42 p.m. No Action Taken.

VIII. ADJOURN. Motion to adjourn at by Chris Gifford, second by Marion Cole. Motion Passes.

Shelby Slawson, President

Marion Cole, Secretary