

STEPHENVILLE TYPE B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
Regular Meeting with Video Conference Option  
Stephenville, Texas  
Thursday September 18th, 2020

The Stephenville Type B Economic Development Authority convened on September 18th, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., in the SEDA conference room at 1050 Airport Road, Stephenville, Texas and 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:	Chris Gifford
Vice President:	Marion Cole
Treasurer:	Fisher Rinderknecht (Virtual)
Secretary:	Casey Hogan (Virtual)
Directors:	Malcolm Cross
	<del>Shelby Slawson</del> (absent)
	Wendell Hollingsworth

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

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting of the Stephenville Type B Economic Development Authority was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Gifford.
- 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. This month Sandford updated the board on the current number of exposures related to the virus in Stephenville and our surrounding trade area. Specifically, Erath County exposures were 1.7% of the total population. SEDA continues to make decisions based on the 99% of all healthy residents and we hope to move forward in an educated and comfortable way.
- III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**  
Sandford reported the SEDA 2020-2021 budget passed unanimously by the City Council. Sandford thanked the directors that served on the budget task force as well as the entire board for voting on a fiscally responsible document. Sandford also mentioned an upcoming event at Lone Star Arena in December. The All – In barrel race is the Nation's largest event of its kind and will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> in Stephenville, Texas. The local economy should see this as a beneficial opportunity from overnight stays, shopping and exposure to recruit or gain other events because of this year's location.
- IV. CONSIDER & POSSIBLE ACTION ON FAÇADE GRANT APPLICANT, THOUSAND MILES.**  
Staff presented the façade grant application submitted by Thousand Miles. The application met all program requirements and eligibility for façade improvements at 160 College Street, Stephenville, Texas. Motion made by Marion Cole second Malcolm Cross, to approve the façade grant application as presented and in accordance with the program. Motion Passes.
- V. CONSENT AGENDA**  
Motion by Marion Cole, second by Wendell Hollingsworth to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passes.
- VI. STEPHENVILLE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PLAN, GATEWAY PLANNING**  
Item tabled until next month's meeting.
- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION.** President Gifford recessed the open portion of the meeting at 12:00 p.m. and called for a brief break. Gifford called the board into executive session at 12:03 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:
  - 1.Project R&R**
  - 2.Project Omma**
  - 3.Project CS**

**VIII. ACTION TAKEN ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Directors reconvened in open session at 1:06 p.m.

**1.PROJECT R&R**

Motion by Wendell Hollingsworth, second by Marion Cole to approve the executive director to negotiate and structure an industry recruitment agreement up to \$225,000 to be brought back to board for review. Motion passes.

**IX. ADJOURN.** Meeting Adjourned by President Gifford at 1:14 p.m.

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**Chris Gifford, President**

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**Casey Hogan, Secretary**