

STEPHENVILLE TYPE B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting

Stephenville, Texas

Thursday October 21st, 2021

The Stephenville Type B Economic Development Authority convened on Thursday October 21st, 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:

Chairman: Chris Gifford

Vice Chairman: Marion Cole

Secretary: Casey Hogan (Excused Absence)

Directors: Malcolm Cross

Wendell Hollingsworth

Matt Underwood (Excused Absence)

Lori Beaty (Excused Absence)

Also in attendance: ex – officio members, President Jeff Sandford, Vice President Ashleigh Feuerbacher, and City Council Members Gerald Cook and Brandon Huckabee.

**I. Call to Order.** The meeting of the Stephenville Type B Economic Development Authority was called to order at 4:01 pm. by Chairman Gifford.

**II. Staff Report**

- The President discussed SEDA's participation in the Central Texas Dairy Day, where staff represented both SEDA and ATIP to promote resources and assistance to area agriculture producers.
- Staff reviewed items on the upcoming November 2nd ballot, and encouraged participation in the election.
- Sandford presented to the Board the different forms of social media that SEDA staff is utilizing to better highlight certain SEDA projects. Examples of Tiktok and Instagram were shown.
- The President discussed the recent visit of the Collett (Washington Commons) developers. Pictures of the tour as well as a project update were provided.
- Staff presented the Board with tentative design plans for Project JellyFish, now revealed as a high end car wash located on West Washington.
- Sandford previewed an upcoming project which may require SEDA participation in the coming weeks.
- The President mentioned fulfilling a recent request by Tarleton State University for a letter of support, aimed at a business-related grant the university is seeking. Sandford also discussed SEDA and Tarleton's desire to help and work with entrepreneurs.
- Staff discussed their participation and outcomes from the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) conference, held in October. It was noted that SEDA was nominated for two awards, *Recovery and Resilience* and *Business Attraction*.
- Sandford updated the Board on the Clean Control building and discussed some of the challenges the new manufacturer is experiencing.

**III. Consent Agenda**

**a. Regular Minutes from September 16th, 2021**

**b. Financial Report ending September 30th, 2021**

Motion by Marion Cole, Seconded by Malcom Cross to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion Approved.

**I. Discussion and approval of budget adjustment for staff insurance per the City of Stephenville's Health Benefit Plan.** No action needed.

**V. Executive Session**

**The Board went into Executive Session at 4:39 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 projects:**

1. Project Blue
2. Project Bronze Statue
3. Project Smile
4. Project Foundation

**VI. Action Taken on Matters Discussed in Executive Session**

The Board reconvened to open session at 5:02 p.m. No action taken.

**VII. Adjourn**

Chairman Gifford adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.