



**CITY OF BANDERA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING**

Bandera City Hall, 511 Main Street, Bandera, Texas
Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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MINUTES

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called order at 6:01 pm.

PRESENT

Jerad Wilcox

Laura Devenport

Alan Arterbury

Lauren Ojeda

Lindsay Barnett (by speaker phone)

Kay Reese

Billy Greeson

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

All stood for the pledge.

3. Announcements.

Patricia Moore - the CVB purchased 75,000 glasses for the coming eclipses to be available for purchase to the public

4. Visitors to be Heard (please keep comments to 3 minutes).

There were no visitors to be heard.

5. Consent Agenda.

Items on consent agenda are considered being of a routine nature by The Economic Development Corporation and may require only limited discussion. Any Board Member may request that items be removed from the consent agenda and be considered separately for the purpose of discussion and voting.

A. Invoices due.

B. BEDC financials as of April 30, 2022.

C. Approval of minutes from the May 26, 2022 meeting

Motion to approve consent agenda except for the appraisal quote and the budget pending amendments.

Motion made by Devenport, Seconded by Reese.

Voting Yea: Wilcox, Devenport, Arterbury, Ojeda, Barnett, Reese, Greeson

Motion passed.

Motion to approve the appraisal.

Motion made by Ojeda, Seconded by Barnett.

There was discussion about the price of the invoice of the appraisal and the rapidly changing real estate market. There was also discussion about shopping around for a different appraisal company. There was also discussion about even getting an appraisal without a clear direction for the property. All opposed. Motion fails.

6. Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Update on the Buck Creek property appraisal.

There was discussion about whether or not an appraisal would be appropriate at the time for the properties. There was also discussion about the comps for property that was just sold and how it may not be relevant to the appraisal of the ones under discussion.

There was no action on this item.

B. Approval to change the amount requested for wayfinding signs be made available to the committee for expenses from \$10,000.00 to \$9,000.00

Motion to change the amount from \$10,000 to \$9,000.

Motion made by Devenport, Seconded by Arterbury.

There was discussion about the requirements for a \$10,000 amount that would require a public hearing and council approval.

There was also discussion about the potential cost of the entire project and the scope of the project.

Voting Yea: Wilcox, Devenport, Arterbury, Ojeda, Barnett, Reese, Greeson

Motion passed.

C. Update on electric vehicle charging stations.

Devenport stated, after a conversation with BEC, they have agreed to set up four portable stations at the EDC parking lot.

There was no action on this item.

D. Department of Agriculture Economic Development Grant

Devenport stated that Patricia Moore came through in a pinch and was able to get the grant application in to the TDA in a quick deadline. The grant is two phases; the first is to hire a strategic planner to do an economic development plan for rural areas. The city, through the EDC, would give \$5,000 and the grant would give the remaining \$45,000 for the planner. The second phase is implementing aspects of the plan and the grant allowance ranges from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000.00. The grant is a non-competitive grant. There was discussion about the how the money can be used and the application process. There was clarification that the city must be the entity to manage the transfer of monies and bids for planners but that the grant itself is specifically an EDC grant.

Motion to give the city \$5,000 for TDA grant.

Motion made by Devenport, Seconded by Arterbury.

Voting Yea: Wilcox, Devenport, Arterbury, Ojeda, Barnett, Reese, Greeson

Motion passed.

E. Request to Bandera City Council for parking lot pot hole repairs.

Devenport comments she spoke with the Mayor and for the board to put together a request for the repairs to the parking lot.

Motion to submit a request to city council

Motion made by Devenport, Seconded by Greeson.

Voting Yea: Wilcox, Devenport, Arterbury, Ojeda, Barnett, Reese, Greeson

Motion passed.

F. Conex repair and inventory update

Devenport commented on the inventory update that happened earlier this week. There was discussion about what is in each conex and what has been moved. There was also discussion about the state of the old conex and getting the repairs done.

Barnett left meeting via phone call at 6:52 pm.

There was no action on this item.

7. Comments from the Board.

Administrative Assistant email sales tax check to the board each month.

8. Future agenda items.

Need budget workshops. Need to have the budget to the city as soon as possible. Joint workshop with city council on July 28 with an initial EDC workshop on July 13.

Bylaws workshop with amendments to the admin assistant beforehand.

Buck Creek workshop.

9. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

/s/ Keely Hansen

Keely Hansen, *Administrative Assistant*