

Sweeny Economic Development Corporation
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2025

I. Call to Order

Jenny Massey called to order the meeting of the Sweeny Economic Development Corporation at 6:00 pm on September 8, 2025, at Sweeny Community Center meeting room.

II. Roll Call

Michelle Medina conducted the roll call. The following were present: Neal Bess Jr., Brian Brooks, Katie Goff, Bill Hayes, Brittanie Hopkins and Jenny Massey.

Absent: Kay Roe

Visitors: Dusty Hopkins, Curt Liles and Shaun Massey

III. Financial Report – August 2025

M. Medina read the financial report for August 2025. N. Bess Jr. made a motion to accept the financial report as read. K. Goff 2nd. All in favor and motion carried. N. Bess Jr. asked if Elvira Alvarez is still being called weekly. M. Medina said yes.

IV. Minutes for Regular Meeting – August 2025

K. Gott made a motion to approve the August regular meeting minutes as presented. N. Bess Jr. 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

V. Reports

EDC Executive Director:

M. Medina gave her report: completed quarterly reports for council meeting. Emailed Equipment Share. Sent emails to Trilogy and Stark requesting updates. Industrial Park was mowed. Stark will start cleaning up fallen trees. City employees have sprayed around the fire hydrants. Grinder station was put in – need to tie the station into the main manhole by the bridge and add in a tie in for the other utilities. Pumps and electrical need to be done. Working with Kaydi and Karla to include EDC in the changes being made at the city. I have been forwarding emails from Nick (person interested in bringing in a grocery store). I need to take Public Funds Investment Act training.

City:

Mayor Hopkins stated sidewalks are going in and Kaydi celebrating 10 years of service to the City of Sweeny.

VI. Old Business:

- a. Industrial Park Project – M. Medina gave up date on Trilogy. N. Bess Jr. had concerns of the performance agreement being out of compliance. After discussion a motion was made by N. Bess Jr. for M. Medina to get with EDC attorney to clarify. B. Hayes 2nd. B. Hopkins abstained. Motion carried. B. Hayes made a motion for M. Medina to get with Stark Inc. to see if he can clean mow some other areas. K. Goff 2nd. Motion carried.

b. 2025/2026 Budget – M. Medina began by stating she didn't feel like we needed to go over the whole budget again since we just had the budget workshop. She would go over the changes. N. Bess Jr. asked to start from the beginning. M. Medina reviewed the budget and did explain the capital project – the industrial park and it being separate. There was discussion on putting money into promotions to provide water for the Thanksgiving Feast. Discussion on the numbers for payroll may change waiting to get final numbers from Karla Wilson. K. Goff made a motion to accept the balanced budget of \$177,854.24 and CIP budget of \$182,945.34. K. Roe 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

VII. New Business:

- a. Discuss and act as needed Sparklight contract – M. Medina mention that we had a contract for 36 months that started September 2024. To get out of the contract it would be right at \$700. B. Hopkins made a motion to pay the contract that is about \$700. N. Bess Jr. 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.
- b. Discuss and act as needed EDC Board member applications – M. Medina read out the names of the applications that were presented. Jenny Massey, Bill Hayes, Curt Liles and Christine Sowles. Curt Liles was in attendance and decided to have his application withdrawn. B. Hayes made a motion to recommend Jenny Massey, Bill Hayes and Chrstine Sowles. N. Bess Jr. 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.
- c. Discuss and act as needed ordering water and labels for Thanksgiving Feast – discussion on who would be in charge of ordering water and labels. B. Hayes made a motion for J. Massey and N. Bess Jr. to be in charge of ordering water and labels for the Thanksgiving Feast. All in favor and motion carried.

VIII. Announcements of Community Interest

O'Reilly's Auto Parts is open. Thanksgiving Feast will be November 10 from 11 am to 3 pm. Kaydi 10 years. Bulldog Market Place open on Tuesday and Wednesday. WBJH pantry to open again.

VIIII. Adjournment

N. Bess Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 pm. B. Hayes 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

Approved and passed on October 13, 2025.

Michelle Medina

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Executive Director, Sweeny EDC