

Sweeny Economic Development Corporation
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2026

I. **Call to Order**

Jenny Massey called to order the meeting of the Sweeny Economic Development Corporation at 6:00 pm on January 12, 2026, at Sweeny Community Center meeting room.

II. **Roll Call**

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

Absent: Katie Goff and Christine Sowles

Visitors: Dusty Hopkins

III. **Financial Report – December 2025**

M. Medina read the financial report for December 2025. TexPool interest is included. N. Bess Jr. made the motion to accept the financial report. B. Hopkins 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

IV. **Minutes for Regular Meeting – December 2025**

B. Brooks made a motion to approve the December 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: worked on getting updates from Trilogy, Stark, and Equipment Share. Restrooms ordered. Received a letter about Elvira Alvarez back taxes on her property and found out she has a landlord lien as well. Working with Karla on information needed for the upcoming audit. C and M signs moving out of state and Bulldog Café is advertising is sale again. Litzler's is still for sale. City employees working on getting the grinder station installed.

City:

Mayor Dusty Hopkins gave the city report. Animal shelter is moving along – Kotrla Electric working on electrical. Sales tax is on the increase. Avenue A project complete. Capital Improvement Project group will start meeting again. Road and drainage projects approved and will be working with the county to get going.

VI. **Old Business:**

a. Industrial Park Project Updates – 1. Trilogy – plans have been submitted for permits 2. Stark Inc. – still struggling with TNMP – ask him to be at the next meeting 3. Equipment Share – waiting on soil samples to come back. 4. No update on the mowing and cleaning up. Again, ask Cecil to be at the next meeting. 5. Punchlist – grinder station in, working on clean up. Get with Kotrla Electric to have electrical panel installed, also bollards need to be placed around the fire hydrants. B. Hopkins mentions we need to put signage out at the industrial park done.

- b. Bathrooms for the Backyard Park and bridge for MLK Park – One set of bathrooms are in and tied down. M. Medina explained the process of what it took to get the bathrooms purchased. The handicap should be in soon. N. Bess Jr. to get with the boy scouts to see if they would be interested in building the bridge. Maybe get with the CIP group.
- c. Update on Cecil Stark purchase of land – Waiting on the survey. Cecil was not present. B. Hayes made a motion to table until Cecil can attend. N. Bess Jr. 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

VII. New Business:

- a. Discuss and act as needed Elvira Alvarez Block Grant Update – M. Medina explained how much she owes in back taxes and that she has a landlord lien. Find out when the landlord lien was done. No action.
- b. Discuss and act as needed business closures – Bulldog Café is advertising again, C and M signs are moving out of state, Litzler's. B. Hayes mentioned Simple Simons building is for sale. The nail salon is closed again. The old Dollar General building is still available. Just general discussion about empty buildings and buildings that are being used for storage instead of business.

VIII. Announcements of Community Interest

Bulldog Market Place is celebrating their 1st Birthday, January 29th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

VIII. Adjournment

B. Hayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. B. Brooks 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

Approved and passed on February 9, 2026.

Michelle Medina

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Executive Director, Sweeny EDC