

Sweeny Economic Development Corporation
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2025

I. Call to Order

Jenny Massey called to order the meeting of the Sweeny Economic Development Corporation at 6:00 pm on March 10, 2025 at Sweeny City Hall.

II. Roll Call

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

Absent: Bill Hayes

Visitors: Mayor Dusty Hopkins

III. Financial Report – February 2025

M. Medina read the financial report for February 2025. P & L Report - I have not received the TexPool interest statement and sales tax was \$20,363.24 and Block Grant was the pay out to Hart's Automotive. Balance sheet NOW account is correct. Must work on other accounts. After the reconciliations, I need to fix some errors. The Elvira loan is still there. The loan balance is \$765,151.18. N. Bess made a motion to accept the financial report as read. B. Brooks 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

IV. Minutes for Regular Meeting February 2025

B. Brooks made a motion to approve the February regular meeting minutes. Brittanie 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

V. Reports

EDC Executive Director:

Still working on fixing up QuickBooks. Continue to work on QuickBooks. I have gotten the now account and Money market account corrected. I am working on the TexPool account. I have gotten information on several empty buildings in Sweeny and trying to get them on the EDC website. Working with the students on another newsletter. Met with TNMP to go over what is needed at the industrial park. Met with several realtors about empty buildings in Sweeny and have the information to be put on our website. Attended the ribbon cutting for Hart's Automotive. Working with the bank to get new signatures taken care of. Emails with Doug Colvin, attorney concerning Flash Fitness. Working with Stark on getting all his paperwork together. Working on deed of trust for his 2 acres. Question about where we are with Stewart's Grocery. M. Medina to send a certified letter.

City:

A lot of water leaks but getting a handle on them. Workshop on Saturday helped to determine approximately \$1.8 million to repair all infrastructure. Lost three employees plus a secretary today.

VI. Old Business:

- a. Industrial Park Project – M. Medina stated no new information. B. Brooks made a motion to allow Trilogy Resources and Stark Inc. to clean up dead tree debris at the industrial park. Get with David Jordan, City manager to head the project. Once the industrial park is clean, have the property resurveyed and staked out. N. Bess 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.
- b. Discuss and act as needed financial strategies to obtain funding for completion of the industrial park to include seeking a loan – table until we still do not have all the information.
- c. Discuss and act as needed Executive Director office and EDC becoming a city of Sweeny Department – B. Brooks just stated it will be discussed at the next city council meeting. No action was taken.

VII. New Business:

- a. Discuss and act as needed email from attorney Doug Colvin on Flash Fitness equipment – J. Massey made a motion to contact attorney and try to get a date and get with Absolute and try to work something out before Deputy goes by. K. Goff 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.
- b. Discuss and act as needed to meet twice a month until industrial park is complete – B. Brooks made a motion to meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month until the industrial park is complete. N. Bess 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.
- c. Discuss and act as needed reconsidering the membership to the Alliance and ARCIT – N. Bess talked about the importance of the Alliance and ARCIT. Discussion on budget cuts. M. Medina explained we are still members of the Alliance, just not voting board members.

VIII. Announcements/Items for Community Interest

The food pantry opens tomorrow from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
 P66 car show at Stewarts parking lot on April 26
 O'Reilly's is coming to Sweeny

Executive Director to send an update to the board every Friday. Get an update on all businesses at the industrial park to report on Friday.

B. Brooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm. N. Bess 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

Approved and passed April 14, 2025

Michelle Medina

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Executive Director, Sweeny EDC