

PALACIOS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, March 17, 2021, 1:15 PM
420 Main St. Palacios, TX 77465

MINUTES

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG by Director Garrett AND INVOCATION by Director Pierce.

Directors present: Robert Van Borssum, Stuart Lynn, Jan Pierce, Leland Singer, Robert Garrett, and Paula Whitney.

Others present: PEDC Office Manager - Pam Oliver, City Manager – David Kocurek and City Treasurer - Tammy McDonald, Palacios Beacon – Ryan West and Chip Woolf.

Absent: Scott Tran

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Director Whitney moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2021, February 3, 2021, and February 10, 2021. Director Garrett seconded. Motion carried.
2. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** –Director Garrett moved to approve the Financial of February 28, 2021. Director Pierce seconded. Motion carried.
3. Director Garrett moved to approve the 2021 Appointment for the two MCEDC Representatives being Robert Van Borssum and Alternate – Paula Whitney and Stuart Lynn and Alternate – Paula Whitney. Director Lynn seconded. Motion carried.
4. Director Pierce moved to support the application of the Texas Department of Agriculture for 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program up to \$41,000.00 in the PEDC Approved 2020-2021 Budget. Director Garrett seconded. Motion carried.
5. Director Garrett moved to approve the Resolution from PEDC Board in support of the Highway 35 Corridor Sewer Project. Director Whitney seconded. Motion carried.
6. Director Garrett and Chip Woolf lead a discussion regarding The Luther Hotel status with the late owner Jack Finley's estate currently in probate.
7. **SPEAKER:** None at this time
PRESENTATION SCHEDULED: None at this time
OFFICER'S REPORT SCHEDULED: None at this time

8. **PEDC REPORT:** by Chair Van Borssum

Turner Boat Works

Called Kelly Cocca, Alco owner and requested the Windstorm Cost of the Alco Building. After receiving the information, we forwarded the information to John. The cost was lower than the previous year. John stated the investors wanted to see their quarterly reports after raising their prices to their dealers due to COVID before they make their final decision. John stated they would make a final decision by June 1st.

Hwy 35 Corridor Sewer Project

We sent all documents requested to Isaac with HGAC for the loan. Isaac came back with additional questions. We are working thru those and upon getting all the information from different entities we will forward to information to him. One item they requested was a Resolution from the City of Palacios in support of the Project. The City Council tabled the Resolution due to concerns the cost of the project had increased. Jessica and Pam gathered supporting documentation already received from Businesses in support of the project and the quotes that were given for the cost of the project. We sent the documentation to City Manager Kocurek to forward to City Council. Hopefully, they will sign the Resolution at the next City Council Meeting. The PEDC has a Resolution in your packets to approve in support of the project to move forward.

Airport Hanger Project

Still waiting on information from the Engineers. Talked with City Manager Kocurek yesterday, and he stated he received the information from the Engineers and some changes needed to be made. He should get the information back today.

J Custom Cravingz

They are pushing their opening back to May 1st.

9. THE PEDC CONVENED INTO CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551-072 & 551-072 & 551-087 OF THE OPEN MEETING ACT @ 1:59 p.m.

- a) Deliberation regarding Real Property **NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**
- b) Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations **NO ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- c) Personnel Matters – **NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

9. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION @ 2:31 p.m.

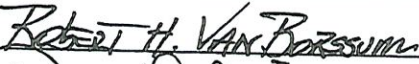
- 10. Review and consideration of the Funding and or Financing of the Highway 25 Business Corridor Sewer Project was tabled.
- 11. Director Pierce moved to approve to give Office Manager, Pam Oliver a \$750.00 a month stipend beginning February 28, 2021 until a replacement of the MCEDC/PEDC Executive Director is hired. This stipend is for her extra services in filling in for that position for Palacios on the ongoing Projects in Palacios. Director Whitney seconded. Motion carried.

PEDC Directors Roundtable:

ADJOURNED at :2:42 p.m.

Director Piece moved to adjourn.

Director Whitney seconded. Motion Carried.



Robert Van Borssum, Board Chair



Attest: Pam Oliver