

Minutes

City of Dickinson

**Dickinson Economic
Development Corporation
REGULAR MEETING**

April 22, 2019

NOTICE that a **REGULAR MEETING** of the Dickinson Economic Development Corporation of the City of Dickinson, County of Galveston, State of Texas, was held on **Monday, April 22, 2019**, at **7:00 p.m.** at the Dickinson Historic Railroad Center, 218 FM 517 West, Dickinson, Texas 77539 in the Community Room for the purpose of considering the following numbered items. The Dickinson Economic Development Corporation of the City of Dickinson, Texas reserved the right to meet in a closed session on any of the below items should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

- ITEM 1.) CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM:**
The meeting was called to order by President Robert Donley at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present as the following members were in attendance: Jessie Brantley, Robert Donley, Chris Heard, Dawn King, Chad Rankin and Bill Schick. Not in attendance was Mark Martelli. Also in attendance: Alison Benton, Interim Economic Development Executive Director.
- ITEM 2.) PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.
- ITEM 3.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Approval of the minutes of the Dickinson Economic Development Corporation's December 10, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. As the minutes were unavailable, they will be presented again for approval at the next meeting.
- ITEM 4.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Approval of the minutes of the Dickinson Economic Development Corporation's April 8, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. There was a motion to accept the minutes as written by Chris Heard, seconded by Bill Schick, passing unanimously.
- ITEM 5.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Election of Vice President for the Remainder of Fiscal Year 2018-2019. This item was pulled from the agenda by the President, Robert Donley, to be presented at the regular meeting in May.

- ITEM 6.) BRIEFING, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Executive Director Report. Alison Benton, Interim Executive Director of DEDC, reported on increased requests for information on the property that the corporation owns on Hughes Road and the Sussan Property and also discussed moving the DEDC Board meeting to City Hall. Both of these items will be discussed at the Board Retreat, scheduled for Friday, May 17th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Ms. Benton shared that the missing minutes and agendas have been provided to the City Secretary to be posted on the City website, supplies have been ordered for the Depot, interviews have started for the temporary ED assistant, and language for the advertisement of the permanent ED Executive Director position has been provided to the recruiter.
- ITEM 7.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Funding request for Dickinson ISD's 2019 Summer Recreation Program. Habib Erkan, counsel to the DEDC, was on the phone to give legal advice. Discussion regarding what program this expenditure is allowed by law followed, with the outcome allowed if it is a promotion of the DEDC. Mr. Erkan agreed to draw up an agreement with the DISD Superintendent that stipulates that there will be a prominent display where the event takes place acknowledging DEDC as a sponsor. There was a motion by Chris Heard, seconded by Chad Rankin to support the program at the \$7600 level with the notice that next year would be different. The majority vote passed, with Dawn King and Bill Schick opposed.
- ITEM 8.) BRIEFING, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Update on Dickinson Public Market Project and Report on Public Engagement. An update on the Feasibility Study was given by Alison Benton and Kathy Thomas spoke to the public engagement to date on the project. Chris Heard relayed that conversations with the architect, Mark Ernst, would have soil testing done in order to have fill on the site prior to the middle of August. There was no action taken on this item.
- ITEM 9.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The board convened into Executive Session at 7:48 PM.
- ITEM 10.) RECONVENE: MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The board reconvened at 8:37 PM. Action taken on items discussed in Executive Session included direction for Alison Benton and Habib Erkan to discuss the sales contract with the attorney for the landowner at 2626 45th St. The second direction was to have Alison Benton and Patrick Wiltshire meet with the owners of Little Monterey Restaurant to determine if there is an opportunity to receive grant funding from EDA for their project through HGAC.

ITEM 11.) ADJOURN: There was a motion by Chris Heard and seconded by Dawn King to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 13th day of may, 2019

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Robert Donley, President