

Meeting Minutes
Bellville Economic Development Corporation

The regular meeting of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation was called to order by David Ottmer at 5:35 P.M., Tuesday, August 14, 2001, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

Present were Wayne Browning, John Harle, David Ottmer and Gary Byrd. A quorum was present.

Wayne Browning made a motion the Agenda be approved as posted. The motion was seconded by John Harle and carried unanimously.

Wayne Browning made a motion the Minutes of the July 10, 2001 meeting be approved as presented. John Harle provided the second to the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's Reports July was presented by Gary Byrd and are attached to the official minutes. The ending checkbook balance for the month of June was \$130,385.15 with a statement balance on July 31, 2001 of \$142,829.28. The sales tax check for this period was \$11,982.38. Disbursements were made to Suzanne Edwards and the Secretary of State leaving a checkbook balance on August 12, 2001 of \$142,784.28. John Harle made a motion the report for July be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Wayne Browning and carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 6

Public Comment

Linda Feux, President of the Bluebonnet Society, was present to represent a group which also includes the Austin County Fair Association and the Austin County Commissioners. Stanley Jackson, Frank Monk, Mary Ann English, and Susan Rathbone were present to represent the Fair Association. A number of interested members of the community were also present to support the presentation of an application for \$63,600.00 for renovation of the existing Exhibit Hall also known as the Women's Building. This money would be added to the \$5,000 to be deposited by each of the above-referenced entities into a separate account which would be maintained for the sole purpose of disbursing \$78,600.00 for the renovation project as construction progresses. Presentations will be made to the Historical Society requesting assistance with the stone work associated with this project and also to the City Council requesting their approval of the project and convention center signs to be installed.

Roy Price of Holland House Catering, read a letter of support which is included with the official minutes and the application. He will make a proposal to the Fair Association at their August 21 meeting offering to donate commercial kitchen equipment to the convention center project if it has not sold prior to the completion of the building.

The Fair Association would serve a pivotal role in this project by providing accountability, an on-site coordinator, and a web site for the Convention Center.

Construction is projected to begin November 1 and be complete by January 30, 2002.

Chairman David Ottmer thanked Ms. Feux for her well-prepared presentation and stated the application would be considered at the October meeting of the BEDC. This meeting will be rescheduled for Tuesday, October 23, in order to avoid Fair Week and a meeting of the Fair Association Board as well as to allow a full 60-day-period for public access to study the project.

Agenda Item # 7

Consideration and Action Necessary Related to Instituting a Moratorium on the **Disbursement of Additional Funds Until a Budget Has Been Approved**

Following discussion of the updates made by Gary Byrd to the History and Budget Proposal, John Harle made the motion the fiscal year of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation be set at September 1 to August 31. This would prevent the need to determine a new budget in January at the same time new members are joining the Board. Wayne Browning seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

With the understanding the Board could resolve at any time to move funds from one line item area of the budget to another, John Harle proposed the budget be accepted as presented. This motion was seconded by Wayne Browning and carried unanimously.

Finally, John Harle moved the moratorium placed on all pending applications for funds be lifted beginning with the next meeting to be held on September 11. Gary Byrd provided the second and the motion passed unanimously. The recording secretary was instructed to write to all applicants to let them know when they would be placed on the upcoming meeting agendas:

Kromar Covenant Partnership	September 11, 2001
RAP-Raising Academic Performance	September 11, 2001
The Family Entertainment Center	September 11, 2001

LSG Sheetmetal	October 23, 2001
Bellville Convention Center	October 23, 2001

Dennis R. Janosky	60 days following presentation of a completed application package
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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Edwards
Recording Secretary