

Meeting Minutes
Bellville Economic Development Corporation

The regular meeting of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation was called to order by David Ottmer at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, March 12, 2002, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

Present were David Ottmer, Susan Jones, Kenneth Stein, Bruce White, Gary Byrd and Jerome Peters. Jerome was introduced by Chairman Ottmer as the new member replacing John Harle. A quorum was present.

Bruce White made a motion the meeting Agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Gary Byrd and carried unanimously.

Gary Byrd made a motion the minutes of the February 12 and February 20, 2002 meetings be approved as presented. Jerome Peters provided the second to the motion and it carried unanimously.

Susan Jones presented the Treasurer's Report. A beginning balance of \$192,602.85 was reported for February 1, 2002. An ending balance in the amount of \$179,731.79 was reported for March 7, 2002. Additionally, Susan presented a projection of the budget for the remainder of the year and a breakdown of expenditures to date on the Bellville Convention Center. Bruce White made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Gary Byrd seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item # 6

Public Comment

David requested that Suzanne Edwards read aloud a letter received from Lynn Roberts, City Administrator, regarding the possible use of Economic Development funds for infrastructure. A copy of the letter is included with the official minutes of the Board. The final decision on this matter will be made by the City Council at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2002.

Newton Boriak, Ernie Koy, Ken Peters and Clay Kistler were present representing the Bellville Lions Club and Concordia, Ltd., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, to present an application for \$34,500 to provide a parking lot and drive through for the 100-year-old Concordia Building. The building is frequently used by various organizations and private groups for fundraisers and parties and parking is needed to relieve the bottleneck created on Tesch Street. The application forms were distributed and several questions were asked and answered: 1) Current funding is provided by Lions' Club fundraisers, a \$21,000 grant from LCRA, donations from the Bluebonnet Society, the Historical Society and many individuals. 2) Only one oak tree near the building is expected to be lost to the construction. 3) 50-55 parking spaces will be added.

As outlined in the new procedures, the application will be filed for public view at City Hall and the City Library and will be considered at an open meeting in August.

Agenda Item # 7

Consideration of any Action Necessary and Related to the
Organization and Operation of a Corporation formed under Chapter 4B of the
Economic Development Act of 1979, as Amended

In reponse to a question, David Ottmer replied the additional refund of grant money from Lana Johnson had not been received. Charley Smith's father recently passed away and he has been attending to family affairs.

It was announced that minutes of both the City Council meetings and the Economic Development Corporation meetings are now being posted to the city's website.

The Board reviewed the changes made to the application package at last month's meeting and continued their work on the revision of the application. These last revisions will be distributed by e-mail to members for their review.

Susan Jones has received no correspondence from Andrew and Susan Leschper regarding their application for funds to start a sheet metal company.

Jerome Peters distributed copies of "Vision 2010 Goals & Objectives" from the University of North Texas Study and requested the members review and consider each item for discussion at a future meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Edwards

Recording Secretary