

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, May 14, 2002, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

Present were Jerome Peters, Gary Byrd, David Ottmer, Susan Jones and Bruce White. Kenneth Stein was absent. Wayne Browning arrived at 6:16 p.m. A quorum was present.

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

Jerome Peters made a motion the minutes of April 9, 2002 be approved as distributed. Bruce White provided the second to the motion and it carried unanimously.

Bruce White made a motion the Treasurer's Report distributed by Susan Jones be approved as presented. Gary Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. No refund has been received from the Johnson and a consensus of the members requested David Ottmer speak with Charley Smith about the matter.

Agenda Item # 6

Public Comment

There was no one present for the public comment portion of the agenda.

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

Discussion ensued regarding the ruling of the Attorney General on grants for operating expenses of groups such as the Chamber of Commerce and Boys & Girls Club.

Kenneth Stein distributed copies of the Austin County Economic Development Plan 2002-2012.

Suzanne was asked to check the application procedure guideline for the addition of the statement, "*additional information may be requested.*"

Jerome Peters lead a discussion of contributions for "Vision 2010 Goals and Objectives". Areas discussed included, but were not limited to, 1) holding a workshop session utilizing Frank Morgan of LCRA as facilitator, 2) how to encourage more diversity in new businesses, 3) LCRA suggests our participation in TIF grant for Bellville, 4) future development of an industrial park, 5) use of funds of Sealy EDC for infrastructure only, 6) encouraging more minority-owned businesses in Bellville. Last, there was a discussion of the future plans for a loop around the town. It was suggested we contact State Representative Lois Kolkhorst in order to advocate for such a loop. Getting Highway 36 designated as a Hurricane Evacuation Route might be key to getting Highway 36 developed. The discussion of "Vision 2010" will be continued next month.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Edwards

Recording Secretary