

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, June 11, 2002, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

Present were Jerome Peters, David Ottmer, Kenneth Stein, Susan Jones and Bruce White. Gary Byrd was absent. Wayne Browning arrived after the meeting was called to order. A quorum was present.

Kenneth Stein made a motion the meeting Agenda be corrected to include items for consideration and action regarding both the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report. Jerome Peters seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Jerome Peters made a motion the minutes of May 14, 2002 be corrected to read "Kenneth Stein provided copies of the Austin County Economic Development Plan 2002-2012 for distribution." Susan Jones provided the second to the motion and it carried unanimously.

Susan Jones presented the Treasurer's Report for review. It showed a beginning balance of \$149,597.37 on May 1, 2002 and an ending balance of \$164,385.28 on June 11, 2002. Susan noted the budget process for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2002 will be started at the July meeting. She also reported late receipt of a meeting notice from the Texas Economic Development Council for Thursday, June 6, 2002. The website for this group is www.texasedc.org. Last, Susan indicated no additional funds had been received from Mrs. Lana Johnson other than the amount currently being held in Charley Smith's office. David Ottmer indicated Mr. Smith would prepare a statement declaring we would accept the funds returned to date, but we also would expect to collect the remaining balance due of \$7,000.00. Bruce White moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented; Kenneth Stein seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 6

Public Comment

Julie Nicholson was present to represent the Chamber of Commerce and to present a grant request to be used for tourism. She will reformat the application according to the new application procedures and will represent the application at the September, October or November meetings for consideration in December or January.

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 request from the Bellville Lions Club-Concordia Ltd. and whether or not it would draw tourists, impact Bellville's economic development or create revenue and jobs. It was agreed it was a good facility, often used and well remodeled, but apparently this request is an all or nothing proposition. Additional study will be needed and the topic was tabled until next month.

A review of all grants made this year was proposed to determine what progress has been made. It appears the only successful venture has been The Enchanted Kingdom. It was agreed it would be very helpful to receive more input from the community residents on how they would like to see economic development funds used over the next two months.

Jerome Peters distributed a letter from Lois Kolkhorst regarding bypass planning and requested permission to be allowed to contact Bruce Bayless. Permission was granted by consensus. It was agreed that parts of the "Vision 2010" study are not appropriate for the City of Bellville.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Edwards

Recording Secretary