

**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, August 13, 2002, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

Present were Jerome Peters, David Ottmer, Kenneth Stein, Susan Jones and Bruce White. Absent were Wayne Browning and Gary Byrd. A quorum was present.

Bruce White made a motion the meeting Agenda be approved as posted. Kenneth Stein seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The minutes of the July 9, 2002 meeting will be corrected to reflect the correct spelling of the word "funds" in the second paragraph of Agenda Item # 7. Kenneth Stein made a motion the minutes be accepted as corrected. Susan Jones seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Susan Jones presented the Treasurer's Report for review. It showed a beginning balance of \$175,661.38 on July 1, 2002 and an ending balance of \$186,258.33 on the date of the meeting. She reported the difference in the ending balance shown on the budget recap for the month ended July 31, 2002 is interest earned. Also she pointed out that \$22,784.36 of budgeted funds were not spent in the 2001-2002 fiscal year. Lynn Roberts interjected to state that a check for retained earnings in the approximate amount of \$13,000.00 can be picked up after the meeting. Susan will re-work the 2002-2003 fiscal year budget to include these funds, but feels comfortable with a projected budget of \$136,000 to \$140,000.00. She has received no correspondence from the Johnson's or Charley Smith regarding outstanding monies owed to the BEDC.

Jerome Peters made a motion the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Bruce White seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 6

**Public Comment**

There was no one present for public comment.

**Agenda Item # 7**

Consideration of any Action Necessary Regarding the

**Request from the Boys and Girls Club of Bellville for a  
Grant of \$20,000.00 to Defray Operating Expenses for**

**January – December, 2002**

Suzanne Edwards read a letter received from Ellen Lancaster, President of the Boys & Girls Club of Bellville, in which she requested their application for funds not be considered at this time. A revised request will be resubmitted at a later date.

**Agenda Item #8**  
**Consideration and Action Necessary Regarding the**  
**Request from the Bellville Lion's Club and Concordia, Ltd.**  
**for a Grant of \$34,500.00 to Provide a New Driveway and**  
**Parking Lot**

Present to represent the Lion's Club were Vit Janda, Greg Lange, Keith Kidwell, Ernie Koy, Elroy Kiecke and Clay Kistler. The first question asked regarding the request was how will it impact economic development? Will it produce sales tax or generate income for Bellville? Speaking for the proposal were Vit Janda, Elroy Kiecke and Clay Kistler; no one came forward to speak against it. Many organizations use the facility for functions such as class reunions, family reunions, wedding parties and such. It is a very stable attraction in Bellville and a new parking lot would be better for the aged and tour bus access as well as reducing the number of vehicles which must park curbside on Tesch Street. The biggest safety benefit will be to traffic flow. The parking lot would be an extension of a historic building and it is thought only one tree may have to be lost.

Susan Jones reiterated the availability of \$22,700.00 for this project. With the addition of the approximately \$13,000.00 mentioned previously by Lynn Roberts, we could have approximately \$35,700.00 available should the Board wish to support the request. Bruce White made a motion the entire request of \$34,500.00 be granted to the Lion's Club for the addition of a parking lot and driveway. Jerome Peters seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item #9**  
**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**

An application for a grant of \$35,000.00 was received from Assurance Insurance Agency, Inc. The request is made to offset the cost of relocating a business to Bellville and construction of a new office building for the business.

Discussion of an increase to the proposed budget submitted by Susan Jones ensued. Bruce White expressed his opinion the budget should not be increased, but left at \$125,000.00. Also discussed was keeping any surplus as a reserve fund to be used in conjunction with the Industrial Foundation to purchase land, be used for infrastructure, etc. There was a difference of opinions expressed on the need to label this reserve fund. As the BEDC is under budget for the current fiscal year, approximately \$1,000.00 will be earmarked for reserves. There was also a discussion of how the sales tax funding of the BEDC could be rescinded. It was reported that a petition of 60% of the registered voters would be required in order to change the sales tax funding. At such time all funds would revert to the city and the BEDC would be dissolved as the members of the BEDC serve at the pleasure of the City Council. Discussion returned to the motion on the table to approve a budget of \$125,000.00 for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Kenneth Stein seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Suzanne C. Edwards

Recording Secretary