

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Bellville Economic Development Corporation**

The regular meeting of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation was called to order by David Ottmer at 5:31 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2004, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

Present were Wayne Browning, Nancy Allen, Rev. Warren Scott, David Ottmer, and Kenneth Stein. Mike Mueller and Allene Schmitt were absent, but a quorum was present.

Nancy Allen made a motion the Agenda be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Wayne Browning and carried unanimously.

Minutes of the Special Meeting held January 20, 2004 and the Regular Meeting held February 10, 2004 were mailed to Directors in their packets. Wayne Browning made a motion both sets of Minutes be approved as presented. Nancy Allen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Nancy Allen presented a Financial Report with a beginning balance of \$361,927.96 and ending balance of \$382,357.67. Since the last meeting, a check was made payable to the City of Bellville in the amount of \$5,545.57 for library renovation. A deposit of sales tax allocation of \$20,429.71 was made February 26, 2004. Invoices from Pfeffer Concrete (library parking lot), Lanier Healthcare (audio cassettes) and Suzanne Edwards (minutes) were presented for payment. Warren Scott requested an itemized invoice be requested from Pfeffer Concrete. Kenneth Stein made a motion the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented and approved invoices paid. The motion was seconded by Nancy Allen and carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item #7**  
**Presentation of Revised Annual Budget Format**

The new annual budget was presented for review only; no action was scheduled to be taken on this issue.

**Agenda Item #8**  
**Public Comment**

Tom Bennett was present representing the Bellville Heritage Gathering planned for Saturday, May 1, 2004. He distributed a list of patron categories developed this year and discussed the \$30,000.00 goal. \$18,000.00 has been reached so far. He needs to get with city personnel, the police department and sheriff's department to discuss security and set up. Nancy

Allen will be helping with dignitaries for the staging area. Peggy Spradley is distributing information at Rodeo Houston. Nancy Allen proposed the BEDC consider being either a Lone Star or Texian patron of the Gathering. David Ottmer reminded directors that \$12,500.00 in the budget had already been earmarked for the Chamber of Commerce. State guidelines limit the BEDC to an amount not to exceed 10% of its annual budget for tourism. \$2,500.00 is available in this budget for the BEDC to spend at this time for such an activity as the Bellville Heritage Gathering. However, in order to avoid the 60-day waiting period required for public review of all submitted applications, David noted the BEDC would have to spend the funds outright to benefit the Bellville Heritage Gathering. Tom Bennett will come back to the BEDC with an idea of an area in which BEDC funds would be beneficial.

**Agenda Item #9**

**Acceptance of Any Grant Applications Presented**

No applications were received.

**Agenda Item #10**

**Consideration and Action to Approve Paid Position of EDC Specialist**

Nancy Allen distributed copy for an employment advertisement for an Economic Development Specialist to be placed in The Bellville Times. Warren Scott made a motion the advertisement be approved and placed. Wayne Browning seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #11**

**Recess**

The Regular Meeting was recessed at 5:55 p.m. for a closed Executive Session.

**Agenda Item #12**

**Executive Session Convenes Pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to Discuss Potential Litigation and to Deliberate the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property**

**Agenda Item #13**

**Executive Session Adjourns**

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**Agenda Item #14**

**Regular Meeting Reconvenes**

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:16 p.m.

**Agenda Item #15**

**Consideration of any Action Necessary from Deliberations of Executive Session**

No action was necessary.

**Agenda Item #16**

**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**

No additional consideration of any subject was necessary.

**Agenda Item #17**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the BEDC Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Edwards

Recording Secretary