

Meeting Minutes
Bellville Economic Development Corporation

David Ottmer called the Regular Meeting of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation to order at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2004, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

Present were Wayne Browning, Nancy Allen, Warren Scott, David Ottmer, Allene Schmitt, and newly-appointed member James Freeman. Mike Mueller was absent. A quorum was present.

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2004 were mailed to Directors in their packets. Nancy Allen made a motion the Minutes be approved as presented. Wayne Browning seconded the motion and it carried.

Nancy Allen provided to the Board members a Financial Report with an opening balance of \$298,927.90 on September 30, 2004. The Sales Tax Allocation of \$12,201.41 was deposited during the reporting period, as was an interest payment of \$512.05 and seminar registration checks totaling \$400.00. Invoices of \$19.97 for office supplies and \$1,333.34 to the City of Bellville also were reported. The ending checkbook balance was \$310,041.36 as of October 31, 2004. With the inclusion of a \$100,000.00 CD and interest of \$106.14, total assets are \$410,147.50 as of the date of the meeting. Nancy requested approval for payment of the invoice for office supplies and the November invoice for the contract for services with the City. She made a motion the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented and two outstanding invoices paid. The motion was seconded by Warren Scott and carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #7
Public Comment

Carolyn Alaniz of the Bellville Chamber of Commerce made an announcement of activities which are being planned for Small Town Christmas on Friday and Saturday, December 3 and 4.

Agenda Item # 8

Acceptance of Any Grant Applications Presented

No applications were presented.

Agenda Item #9

Update on Providing Financial Assistance to the Archeological Dig at Historic San Felipe de Austin

Because of the death of Charley Smith's father-in-law, David Ottmer was unable to speak with him regarding an update on the contract preparation. David announced the recent receipt of a \$25,000 grant to the San Felipe de Austin Archeological Landmark from the Texas Preservation Trust Fund administered by the Texas Historical Commission. He further mentioned that the City of San Felipe had budgeted money for the project in the upcoming year and that the Sealy City Council had approved funding from the Sealy Economic Development Corporation. The Sealy EDC has requested a copy of our agreement with the San Felipe Archeological Consortium when it is completed and signed.

Mr. Ottmer also noted the recent resolution of Austin County Commissioner's Court to designate Austin County as the *Colonial Capital of Texas* and San Felipe as the *Birthplace of the Texas Rangers*.

Agenda Item #10

Coordinator's Report and Update on Registration for Accelerated Board Training

Suzanne Edwards reported the court date for the appearance of Andrew & Susan Leschper of LSG Sheetmetal was cancelled because of Charley Smith's attendance at the funeral of his father-in-law. She had contacted Mr. Smith's office about a rescheduled date and will report the new date to directors.

Two resumes of individuals interested in serving on the Board were distributed to members. Andrew Lienhard and his wife have recently relocated to Bellville. Cindy Kendrick also submitted her

resume. Copies will be given to Susan Rosinski, City Secretary, for inclusion in the City Council packets for the November 16 meeting.

Twenty-four people have registered for the Accelerated Board Training scheduled for November 19. The training was mentioned in an article submitted to areas newspapers for the Austin County EDC and a registration form will appear in the Bellville and Sealy newspapers this week.

The next meeting of the Austin County EDC interest group will be held at 7:30 a.m. on November 26 at the Texas Star Café in New Ulm. Representative Lois Kolkhorst will be the special guest speaker and HB 2912 will be addressed. Comments or questions for Rep. Kolkhorst may be presented in writing to Judge Carolyn Bilski prior to the meeting. EDC Board members were urged to attend.

Agenda Item #11

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Edwards
EDC Coordinator