

**14 June 2005 Regular Meeting
Bellville Economic Development Corporation**

David Ottmer called the Regular Meeting of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation to order at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

Warren Scott offered the invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: Warren Scott, David Ottmer, Jim Freeman, and Allene Schmitt. Andrew Lienhard and Wayne Browning were absent. A quorum was present.

Motion was made by Warren Scott and seconded by Allene Schmitt to accept the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jim Freeman to accept Minutes of the Regular Meeting May 10, 2005, was seconded by Allene Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was given by Warren Scott, based on Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss, and Reconciliation Detail. Balance in Checking Account as of May 31st was \$338,394.63. Sales Tax Income of \$20,283.66 and Interest Income of \$725.00; for total deposits of \$21,008.66. Checks totaling \$2,662.72 were posted. The balance of the Certificate of Deposit at First National Bank is \$101,156.26. Outstanding bills were presented for payment to Bellville Chamber of Commerce \$2,125.00 for Contract of Services, \$20.00 to Charley Smith for Attorney's Fees, \$9,000.00 to Austin County for the Jail Museum Restoration Grant- Phase 3- for work on bars and windows, and \$125.00 was authorized for Bellville Alderman Jerome Peters to attend the TEDC 4A/4B Sales Tax Training, June 24th in Houston, with Allene Schmitt, Jim Freeman, and Carolyn Gibson. Motion to approve report and payment of bills by Jim Freeman was seconded by Allene Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #7

Public Comment

Wanda Mitchell-Riggs with Cellular One/Dobson Communications offered Needs Analysis for cellular service, laptop wireless internet, and Blackberry service for the BEDC. Cellular One offers a

governmental entity discount. The amount of the discount increases, based on the amount of service needed/provided.

Rebecca Donahue, a senior at Bellville High School is working on the Senior Girl Scout Gold Award. Her project is an informational brochure on recycling centers available to new and existing residents. She is seeking assistance with the cost of \$55.00 for 1000 black & white or \$400.00 for 1000 color tri-fold brochures. These would be distributed by local Chambers. Her project deadline is Sep. 30, 2005.

Jerome Peters, Bellville Alderman, questioned procedure for procuring bleachers by the BEDC in early 2004. He presented Directors with a hand-out of related minutes, correspondence, and invoices. He stated that the bleachers were located at Hacienda Field, and questioned when the BEDC approved the expenditure- as it wasn't noted in the January or February 2004 Minutes of the BEDC. President Ottmer stated that the Attorney General was contacted and permission was given for BEDC to purchase the bleachers outright.

Agenda Item #8

Executive Director's Comments

The Executive Director, Carolyn Gibson, reported that, included in the Directors' packets, there was information on Association of Rural Communities in Texas (ARCIT), Texas Economic Development Council's (TEDC) summary of the economic development related bills that passed during the 79th Session of the Legislature, the Secure Cops Alert Network (SCAN) program, USDA Rural Development's List of Programs for Community and Economic Development.

BEDC has received a "Thank You" note from Judge Carolyn Bilski for the \$25,000.00 grant for the continued restoration of the Jail Museum and Visitors Center.

Copies of letters from State Representatives Lois Kolkhorst and Fred Hill were also given to the Directors, along with a copy of the text of H.B. 2928, authored by Rep. Kolkhorst and awaiting the Governor's signature. Carolyn reported that U.S. Congressman Mike McCaul would be present at the Bellville 4th of July Celebration, and encouraged the Board to attend. Congressman McCaul is very active in the support of economic development and small business.

She asked if the Board would like a copy of the BEDC By-Laws, they did, and she'll have copies available at the July meeting. Carolyn expressed an interest in grant writing training as this would be of

benefit to both existing and new businesses. She would have like to attend the class in Austin put on by the Texas Historical Commission, but it is full, with a long waiting list. There are several other entities that offer this same training. She will investigate and report at the next meeting.

A sample of letterhead for BEDC was presented to the Directors for their approval. Carolyn will use this letterhead for BEDC correspondence, as she has it saved on the BEDC computer.

Agenda Item #9

Questions and Comments from Board of Directors

Allene Schmitt stated that she would like to attend any proposed grant writing training.

Agenda Item #10

Recess

The Regular Meeting of the BEDC was recessed at 6:05pm for the BEDC to meet in Executive Session.

Agenda Item #12

Regular Session Reconvenes to Consider any Action Necessary from Executive Session regarding a Possible Offer of Financial or Other Incentive to a Business Prospect described by Subdivision (1)

The Regular Meeting of the BEDC reconvened at 6:46pm.

Agenda Item #13

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 action was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Carolyn Gibson for Allene Schmitt, Secretary