

**18 October 2005 Regular Meeting  
Bellville Economic Development Corporation**

David Ottmer called the Regular Meeting of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2005, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

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

Present were: Warren Scott, Wayne Browning, David Ottmer, Jim Freeman, Allene Schmitt, and Jim Bishop. Andrew Lienhard was absent. A quorum was present. Executive Director Carolyn Gibson was also present.

Motion was made by Wayne Browning, with a second by Allene Schmitt, to accept the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Wayne Browning, with a second by Warren Scott, to accept Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 20, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was given by Warren Scott, based on Bank Statement, Balance Sheet and YTD Profit and Loss. Balance in Checking Account as of September 30th was \$177,972.33. September Sales Tax Income of \$12,854.31 and Interest Income of \$291.60 resulted in total monthly deposits of \$13,145.91. Checks totaling \$288,355.60 were posted. Balance Sheet showed the following current Certificates of Deposit: Guaranty Bank- \$85,224.96, Wells Fargo- \$100,302.90, and Industry State Bank- \$100,383.09. Total Current Assets as of September 30, 2005 are \$463,883.28. Outstanding bills were presented for payment to Bellville Chamber of Commerce \$3,000.00 for Contract of Services, and Austin County Jail Museum for \$9,426.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> payment on grant for renovations. Allene Schmitt inquired about balance owed on Jail Museum grant from original amount. The balance was noted on Accounts Payable sheet of \$6,574.00.

Motion to approve report and payment of bills by Wayne Browning was seconded by Jim Freeman. Motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item #7**

## **Public Comment**

Jerome Peters asked to make comments during this portion of meeting. He addressed several concerns, including the bleachers purchased by BEDC, the Development Corporation Act- Section 3, the study and strategic plan conducted by North Texas University for BEDC, and the Citizens Input Committee. He questioned why BEDC wasn't aggressively seeking land and/or buildings for purchase and asked if the Board was opposed to such action. David Ottmer responded that BEDC was open to purchasing property but most available land was being used for housing. Jim Bishop asked if Jerome Peters knew where there was land available for purchase. Jerome responded that the Rail Road wanted to change the use of the land. Wayne Browning stated that BEDC walked the BNSF property when they were looking into purchasing that acreage.

## **Agenda Item #8**

### **Acceptance of any Grant Applications Presented**

There were no grant applications presented.

## **Agenda Item #9**

### **Executive Director's Comments**

Carolyn Gibson reported that Allene Schmitt and she would be attending a Proposal Writing class sponsored by LRCA/TLI in Burnet, Wednesday and Thursday of that week. She also stated that the auditors for the City of Bellville had requested information on the BEDC finances, and she had provided Bank Statements & Reconciliations, EOY Trial Balance, copies of 2004-2005 Fiscal Year Notes/Agreements/Contracts and minutes, General Ledger, and P&L Reports. A handout with upcoming events and festivals around the county was included in the Director's packets, along with information on ARCIT's Rural Policy Summit November 7<sup>th</sup>, and the LCRA/TLI courses for the remainder of 2005. Carolyn requested permission to inquire into a BEDC credit card for expenses. She will get more information and present it at the next Board meeting.

## **Agenda Item #10**

### **Questions and Comments from Board of Directors**

There were none.

**Agenda Item #11**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Browning and seconded by Jim Freeman. The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

*Carolyn Gibson for Allene Schmitt, Secretary*