

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bellville Economic Development Corporation

Date of Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2011
Time of Meeting: 4:00 P.M.
Location: Council Meeting Room, Bellville City Hall
30 South Holland St., Bellville, Tx. 77418

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge
2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum (*Present were: Delwin Rettig, Monte Byrd, Robert Buckner, Danny Jacob, C. L. Roy and Clark McKinley. Paul Jones was absent. A quorum was certified.*)
3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted (*Approved unanimously*)
4. Public Comment (3-Minute Remarks of Speakers who have completed Sign-in Sheet) AND Receipt of Grant Applications. (*None*)
5. Questions and Comments from Board Members (discussion is limited to statements of policy or statements of factual matters, or the request that a matter be placed on the next meeting's agenda) (*None*)
6. Consideration and Action to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting held 14 April 2011. (*Passed to next meeting*)
7. Election of Officers. (*By unanimous approval, Monte Byrd (president), Delwin Rettig (secretary), C.L.Roy (vice-president), and Danny Jacob (treasurer)*)
8. Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills, and Investments. (*Approved unanimously, including payment of \$200 LeAnn Luedeker and \$413.34 Brown & Hoffmeister (legal)*)
9. Discussion of Grant application from Colo. Valley Transit (\$15,000) and action as needed. (*By vote of 4 in favor, 1 opposed, the requested grant for \$15,000 was approved and will now go to City Council for consideration and final action.*)
10. Update on Courthouse/Parking Lot project (Robert Buckner), and action as needed. (*Following presentation by Pat Burns (Rocking B) on various proposals for Courthouse and Downtown Christmas lighting, Robert Buckner gave an update on the RFQ process. The next event will be a meeting for interested firms to meet with the BEDC Board for questions on May 25, Weds. @ 4:00pm at City Council Chambers. No Action is required at this time. The Christmas lighting will be an agenda item on our June meeting.*)
11. Discussion regarding acquisition of Stephen F. Austin Statue, gateway improvements,

and action as needed. (*Monte Byrd suggested focusing on the bust and pedistal to reduce costs and to apply for an H-GAC public space grant of up to \$25,000 that would be matched by local moneys. Delwin Rettig reported that the City has agreed to provide manpower and equipment to do the recovery clean-up in the medians of the 36N / 159N interchange, and that the City Council will decide at the June meeting whether they will provide the ongoing maintenance of these medians in the future. It was pointed out by board members that the city is required to maintain these areas pursuant to the Maintenance Agreement entered into with TxDOT in 1998. The matter will be on the June meeting agenda.*)

12. Discussion of Advertising Strategy and action as needed. (*Jerry Olson will attend the June meeting to discuss and advise. We will begin running an ad for Commercial Real Estate Listings in the Bellville Times on a continuous weekly basis, and will also encourage a related story that would mention that property owners can also list potentially commercial property as “by owner”. The motion was Approved unanimously*)
13. Executive Session under Govt. Code Sec. 551.071, 551.072 and 551.087 to discuss legal matters with attorney, real property negotiations, and economic development negotiations. (*5:24pm to 5:47pm*)
14. Action on matters considered in Executive Session. (*5:47pm No action coming out of Exec. Session*)
15. Adjournment (*5:47pm*)