

Bellville Economic Development Corporation
14 April 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

President Monte Byrd called the Regular Meeting of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation to order at **4:05pm**, Thursday, April 14, 2011, in the Council Meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

An invocation was offered and the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag were recited.

Present were: **Delwin Rettig, Monte Byrd, Robert Buckner and Danny Jacob. C. L. Roy** and **Clark McKinley** were absent. A quorum was certified. .

The Motion to adopt the Agenda as posted, but considering item #10 immediately after item # 7, carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4

Public Comment and Grant applications

None

Agenda Item #5

Questions and Comments from Board Members

None

Agenda Item #6

Consideration and Action to Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings held 10 March 2011.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting were approved.

Agenda Item #7

Public Hearing on Transportation Project with Colorado Valley Transit (non-actionable).

David Emswiler spoke briefly in favor of the funding of public transportation. There were no other speakers. No written comments were submitted. The hearing was closed.

Agenda Item #8

Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills and Investments

In the absence of a Treasurer, a Treasurer's report was approved as submitted consisting of a March 2011 Profit & Loss and Balance Sheets. Bills were approved consisting of LeAnn Luedeker accounting (\$200.00), Brown & Hoffmeister legal bill, \$518, Bellville Times publication of notices, \$107.10, and K Bernard Art for mounting and framing survey, \$172.95. No changes to investments were approved.

Agenda Item #9

Discussion of TxDOT Picnic Area Transfer, and action as needed.

TxDOT has advised the city that they will continue to maintain the picnic area at the 159 N and 36 N intersection atleast until the end of the calender year. No action is required at this time.

Agenda Item #10

Discussion regarding Acquisition of Stephen F. Austin Statue and action as needed.

Presentation by sculptor David Adickes who is agreeable with working toward a large bust of Stephen F. Austin to be placed at the 159 N / 36 N intersection. Total cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$50,000. BEDC representatives will meet with TxDOT on May 18 to discuss site approval. To be placed on May agenda.

Agenda Item #11

Review of advertising policy and action as needed.

BEDC Advertising and Promotional Policy was adopted as presented. May agenda will include the discussion of establishing a strategy based on the policy adopted. Monte will discuss with Jerry Olson prior to May meeting.

Agenda Item #12.

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.

Executive Session was convened at 5:31 and adjourned at 6:06p.m.

Agenda Item #13

Action on matters considered in Executive Session

None

Agenda Item #14

Update on Courthouse Beautification project (Robert Buckner), and action as needed.

Authorization was given to move forward with RFQ to include three design elements, to be published on May 4 &11 and setting a pre-submission conference for Thursday, May 26 @ 4:00pm at City Council chambers. As previously approved the publication costs will not exceed \$250.00. An update will be given in May with additional action as needed.

Agenda Item #15

Discussion of improvements to Mini-Park Parking Lot and action as needed.

After discussion regarding the erection of covered parking at the recently acquired parking lot, it was agreed that the RFQ will include the concept of minimal cover structures over two rows of parking, possibly through the middle of the lot along with the other improvements within the A&M design concept.

Agenda Item #16

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. .