

MINUTES

The HITCHCOCK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Regular Meeting – 15 February 2024 – 5:30 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting for the Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) will be held on Thursday February 15, 2024, at 5:30 PM. This will be an open meeting held at the HEDC boardroom at 8115 Hwy. 6, Hitchcock, Texas 77563.

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Roll call of members.

4 of 5 members present. Randy Strickland absent.

3. Public Comments (Limit 2 minutes per speaker).

None.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the HEDC Regular Meeting January 18, 2023
- b. Approval of payment of the HEDC Monthly VISA account at Texas First Bank

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Chris Armacost and seconded by Ted Robinson. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Director was also asked to cancel the Texas First Bank credit card in the name of the previous director.

5. Consider and take action on the execution of a Marketing Services Agreement with the Hitchcock Chamber of Commerce (Devin DePascal)

Item was pulled from this month's agenda and is expected to be included on the agenda for March's board meeting.

6. HEDC Financial Report. (Devin DePascal)

Board approved the Financial Report as presented by the Executive Director. The Executive Director was asked to look into the missing card readers from Texas First Bank and to close out the account with Prosperity Bank.

- 7. Executive Director's Report. (Devin DePascal)**
 - a. Project Report**
 - b. Director's Activities**
 - c. Real Property Update**
 - d. Downtown & Events Status Report**

The Executive Director provided updates on all active projects, as well as meetings with prospects, plans for and interest in HEDC-owned property, and updates on planned and upcoming events.

The limitations of the individual properties at 8117 Hwy. 6 and 8125 Hwy. 6 were discussed and it was determined that those two parcels should be marketed together as a singular project. The board was also not opposed to demolishing any of the buildings in their portfolio.

- 8. Executive Session: Adjournment to Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov. Code § 551.072 – Deliberation about Real Property.**

No executive session.

- 9. Reconvene into open session and consider action discussed in executive session.**

- 10. President's Comments**

- a. Brief the board on status of HEDC Activities.**

Jack Click emphasized the importance of carrying the EDC phone at all times. The Executive Director was also asked to provide an update on their experience attending the ICSC Red River Conference and to provide an overview of the newly acquired CoStar subscription.

- 11. Mayor's Comments**

None.

- 12. Board Members' Comments**

No comments.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- a. Next regular meeting 21 March 2024 at 5:30 p.m.**

- 13. ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.