

MINUTES

The HITCHCOCK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Regular Meeting – 23 January 2025 – 5:30 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting for the Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) will be held on Thursday January 23, 2025, 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 5:40 PM.

2. Roll call of members.

Three members present. Ted Robinson and Allen Johnson absent.

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

None

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the HEDC Regular Meeting December 19, 2024
- b. Approval of payment of the HEDC Monthly VISA account at Texas First Bank

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Kathy Marullo and seconded by Chris Armacost. Motion passed unanimously.

5. HEDC Financial Report. (Devin DePascal)

Board approved the Financial Report as presented by the Executive Director, who was asked to look into the sales tax impacts of RC Systems moving into their new building and to review the contract situation with CoStar.

6. 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 and was encouraged to schedule a meeting with Public Management to move forward with the Resilient Communities Planning Grant.

- 7. Consider and take action on available marketing opportunities. (Devin DePascal)**
 - a. Advertisements with *Expansion Solutions Magazine* for \$5,000**
 - b. Site Selector Fam Tour Sponsorship with the GHP for \$4,000**

After discussion the opportunities available for marketing, the board made the decision not to proceed with either option.

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

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

No executive session.

- 10. President's Comments**
 - a. Brief the board on status of HEDC Activities.**

Jack Click suggested requested an update from the EDC's legal counsel and asked the board to start compiling options for future board members.

- 11. Mayor's Comments**

In preparation for the ICSC Red River Conference, Chris Armacost suggested reaching out to Shannon Sharp regarding the commercial property along the frontage of Gulf Breeze.

- 12. Board Members' Comments**

Kathy Marullo asked for opinions on what potential wins the EDC would be looking forward to in 2025.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- a. Next regular meeting 27 February 2025 at 5:30 p.m.**

The February meeting was rescheduled to February 20th to align with Jack Click's availability.

- 13. ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.