## NEDERLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

# Minutes February 15, 2023

### **MEETING**

A meeting of the Nederland Economic Development Corporation was called to order at 4:35 p.m. at the Nederland Economic Development Corporation Office, 1519 Boston Avenue, by President Bret Duplant.

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Kay DeCuir gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

#### **QUORUM**

NEDC Board members present: Bret Duplant, Billy Doornbos, Anthony Toups, and Don Albanese Absent: Mitch Macon, Mike Roebuck and Sylvia Root. Others present: Kay DeCuir, Executive Director and Jim Wimberley, Attorney for NEDC.

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Billy Wayne Doornbos and seconded by Anthony Toups to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting.

**Motion Carried** 

Ayes: Doornbos, Duplant, Toups, and Albanese.

Noes: None.

### **OPEN SESSION**

Mr. Al Judice made a presentation on his new business Judices 1927 Meat Market located at 3500 Nederland Avenue. He expressed his desire to receive a grant for signage at this new business location. Mr. Judice thanked the Board of Directors for their grant in assisting Judices 1927 open its business in Nederland. He is happy to have his businesses in Nederland, Texas.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The regular meeting was recessed at 4:46 p.m. by President Duplant for the purpose of conducting an Executive Session of the Nederland Economic Development Corporation as authorized by the Texas Government Code Chapter 551.087 Deliberations regarding Economic Development Incentives; Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071 to discuss litigation and/or legal advice; and Texas Government Code Chapter 551.072 to discuss acquisition, exchange and/or release of property.

### **RECONVENE**

The regular meeting was reconvened by President Duplant at 5:20 p.m. with no action required on discussions from Executive Session.

#### **PRIDE**

An application was received from a business, Judices 1927 Meat Market located at 3500 Nederland Avenue.

A motion was made by Anthony Toups and seconded by Don Albanese to award Judice 1927 Meat Market in the amount of five thousand one hundred fifteen dollars and 75/00. (\$5115.75) for signage. The total project is ten thousand two hundred thirty-one dollars and 50/00. (\$10, 231.50). Motion Carried

Ayes: Doornbos, Duplant, Toups, and Albanese

Noes: None.

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Kay presented both October 2022 and November 2022 Financial Reports. She reported the great sales tax for the two months but pointed out October specifically. She stated that the Fall Market really helps to bring extra business to our local stores. October 2023 was one of the highest months of sales tax she can remember. It just proves the events the NEDC host to help our local businesses is a worthy cause. She would like to bring back a Spring Market if possible.

Kay DeCuir shared the following with the Board;

- The building received roof damage during the last storm so the flashing has been replaced, new downspouts attached and the building was sealed with a primer to keep water out of the building.
- There will be an upcoming meeting with City Council for final review and moving forward with the Emergency Mgmt. Center and NEDC Event Center in early March.
- She has started on the Atlanta Avenue contracts with architects for the future development.
- March 30-31 Kay will host a Workforce Training Conference at First Baptist Church in Nederland.
  This two day conference is due to a grant received for providing training to assist Nederland
  residents and anyone else to get back into the workforce or prepare them for the workforce. Kay
  shared she has the local colleges as presenters, a few businesses and other vendors.
  Commercials will be planned starting on Monday with all stations and should be on television for
  all to see the month of March.
- We need to move the NEDC Board Meeting to March 22 due the Heritage Festival being the same week as our normal meeting. The next meeting will be held March 22 at 4:30 pm.
- Kay will be attending Golden Triangle Days in Austin. While she is in Austin the NEDC will be closed.
- February 20 is President's Day and NEDC will be closed however Kay will be meeting with clients at 3:00pm that day for new business ventures.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Billy Wayne Doornbos made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Don Albanese. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Motion Carried

Ayes: Doornbos, Duplant, Toups, Albanese

Noes:

Bret Duplant, President

Billy Dooknbos, Vice President