

# NEDERLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## Minutes November 20, 2024

### MEETING

A meeting of the Nederland Economic Development Corporation was called to order at 4:34 p.m. at the Nederland Economic Development Corporation, 1125 Atlanta Avenue, by President Anthony Toups.

### QUORUM

Board members present: Bret Duplant, Billy Wayne Doornbos, Mitch Macon, Kasey Taylor, Don Albanese, Billy Neal, Anthony Toups.

Others present Kay DeCuir Nederland EDC Executive Director, Maggie Guillot, Nederland EDC Admin. Asst., Cheryl Dowden, Nederland EDC Finance Manager, and Jim Wimberley, Nederland EDC Attorney.

Absent: None.

### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Anthony Toups gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Mitch Macon and seconded by Bret Duplant to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2024 meeting.

#### **Motion Carried**

**Ayes:** Billy Wayne Doornbos, Mitch Macon, Kasey Taylor, Don Albanese, Billy Neal, Bret Duplant, Anthony Toups.

**Absent:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Noes:** None.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was not recessed by President Anthony Toups 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; Texas Government Code Chapter 551.072 to discuss acquisition, exchange and/or release of property.

\*No Executive Session was held\*

### PRIDE

A motion was made by Billy Wayne Doornbos and seconded by Mitch Macon to approve a PRIDE Program in the amount of \$2,100.00 (two thousand one hundred dollars 00/00) for Oaks Dry Cleaning located at 3205 Nederland Avenue, Ste. 2. Total project for signage is \$4,200.00 (four thousand two hundred dollars 00/00).

#### **Motion Carried**

**Ayes:** Bret Duplant, Billy Wayne Doornbos, Billy Neal, Don Albanese, Kasey Taylor, Mitch Macon, Anthony Toups

**Absent:** None.

**Noes:** None.

A motion was made by Billy Neal and seconded by Kasey Taylor to approve a PRIDE Program in the amount of \$650.00 (six hundred fifty dollars 00/00) for Healing Journeys located at 3205 Nederland Avenue, Ste. 1. Total project for signage is \$1,300.00 (one thousand three hundred dollars 00/00).

#### **Motion Carried**

**Ayes:** Bret Duplant, Billy Wayne Doornbos, Billy Neal, Don Albanese, Kasey Taylor, Mitch Macon, Anthony Toups

**Absent: None.**  
**Noes: None.**

A motion was made by Mitch Macon and seconded by Bret Duplant to approve a PRIDE Program in the amount of \$4,005.25 (four thousand five dollars 25/00) for Howell Furniture located at 2018 Hwy. 365. Total project for signage and painting is \$8,010.50 (eight thousand ten dollars 50/00).

**Motion Carried**

**Ayes: Bret Duplant, Billy Wayne Doornbos, Billy Neal, Don Albanese, Kasey Taylor, Mitch Macon, Anthony Touns**

**Absent: None.**

**Noes: None.**

A motion was made by Kasey Taylor and seconded by Don Albanese to approve a PRIDE Program in the amount of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars 00/00) for Ashley Home Store located at 2010 Hwy. 365. Total project for signage and painting is \$21,360.00 (twenty-one thousand three hundred sixty dollars 00/00).

**Motion Carried**

**Ayes: Bret Duplant, Billy Wayne Doornbos, Billy Neal, Don Albanese, Kasey Taylor, Mitch Macon, Anthony Touns**

**Absent: None.**

**Noes: None.**

A motion was made by Don Albanese and seconded by Mitch Macon to approve a PRIDE Program in the amount of \$5,843.50 (five thousand eight hundred forty-three dollars 50/00) for Aura Studio located at 910 S. 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Total project for signage and landscaping is \$11,687.00 (eleven thousand six hundred eighty-seven dollars 00/00).

**Motion Carried**

**Ayes: Bret Duplant, Billy Wayne Doornbos, Billy Neal, Don Albanese, Kasey Taylor, Mitch Macon, Anthony Touns**

**Absent: None.**

**Noes: None.**

### **FINACIALS**

Cheryl Dowden, Nederland EDC Finance Manager, presented the financials.

A motion was made by Kasey Taylor and seconded by Mitch Macon to approve the financials as presented by Cheryl Dowden.

**Motion Carried**

**Ayes: Bret Duplant, Billy Wayne Doornbos, Billy Neal, Don Albanese, Kasey Taylor, Mitch Macon, Anthony Touns.**

**Absent: None.**

**Noes: None.**

### **COMMUNICATION**

The Director shared the following with the Board;

-On our Strategic Plan we have completed a few more items including Fall Market, Recognition of Business Dinners, and Cost of Index.

- For 12 Days of Christmas we have 17 gifts. We finished collecting those donations of gifts from the businesses and shopping for our part.
- We have 25 Fiberglass Dutch Shoes that will be all around Nederland after they are painted. Two will be outside of our office. We have a large set that will be in the Off Boston Development with a few more smaller Fiberglass Dutch Shoes. 11 of the shoes are at Nederland High School being painted by the Art Department.
- The Recognition of Business Dinners had a great turnout.
- 2025 Nederland Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet will be January 21, 2025 at The Pompano. We will see at our December Board Meeting who can attend and then purchase a table.
- The Mid County Christmas Mixer hosted by the Port Neches, Groves, and Nederland Chamber of Commerce will be held at The Pompano on December 17.
- We have been receiving calls to tour the Off Boston units.
- Next week we will be decorating the windows at the Off Boston Development. The Christmas Lights have been installed. The Christmas banners have been installed on the light poles.
- We have just a few little adjustments that need to be finished on Off Boston and then we will have it completed.

#### **ADJOURN**

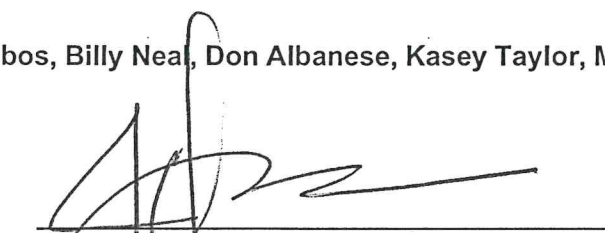
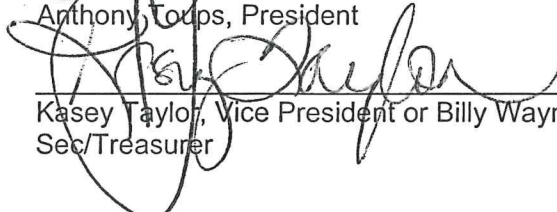
There being no further business, a motion was made by Mitch Macon and seconded by Bret Duplant to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

#### **Motion Carried**

**Ayes:** Bret Duplant, Billy Wayne Doornbos, Billy Neal, Don Albanese, Kasey Taylor, Mitch Macon, Anthony Troups.

**Absent:** None.

**Noes:** None.

  
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Anthony Troups, President  
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Kasey Taylor, Vice President or Billy Wayne Doornbos,  
Sec/Treasurer