

# NEDERLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## Minutes April 19, 2017

### MEETING

A meeting of the Nederland Economic Development Corporation was called to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Nederland Economic Development Corporation Office, 1519 Boston Avenue, by President Craig J. Belaire.

### QUORUM

Board members present: Billy Neal, Bert Rogers, Brian Swindel, Craig J. Belaire, Mike Roebuck, Regan Meaux and Sylvia Root. Absent: None. Others present: Jim Wimberley, Attorney, Kay DeCuir, NEDC Executive Director and Christinia Herrmann, NEDC Administrative Secretary. Guest present: Gay Ferguson, City Clerk.

### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO AMERICAN FLAG

Bert Rogers gave the invocation and Craig J. Belaire led the Pledge.

### MINUTES

**A motion was made by Billy Neal and seconded by Regan Meaux to approve the minutes of February 15, 2017.**

**Motion carried.**

**Ayes: Belaire, Meaux, Neal, Rogers, Roebuck, Root and Swindel.**

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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was recessed at 4:32 p.m. by President Craig J. Belaire for the purpose of conducting an Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.087, to discuss the offer of an incentive to a business prospect; Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071 to discuss litigation and/or legal advice; or Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.072 to discuss potential acquisition, exchange, and/or release of property.

### RECONVENE

The regular meeting was reconvened by President Craig J. Belaire at 5:01 p.m. President Belaire announced the following action was needed on Chapter 551.087 to discuss the offer of an incentive to a business prospect.

**A motion was made by Bert Rogers and seconded by Sylvia Root to rescind the PRIDE Program application for Boss Burger in the amount not to exceed one thousand sixteen dollars and no/100(\$1,016.00) for signage. Boss Burger will reapply at a later date.**

**Motion carried.**

**Ayes: Belaire, Meaux, Neal, Rogers, Roebuck, Root and Swindel.**

**Noes: None. Absent: None**

### FINANCIALS

Kay shared the February 2017 Financial Reports. The Sales Tax Receivable for February was fifty-one thousand seventy-five dollars and .65/100 (\$51,075.65). We were over in two categories, General Supplies and Building Structure. The General Supplies included the updated technology equipment which will need to be moved to the correct category and the Building Structure overage was due to the needed replacement of the rotted exterior staircase.

Kay also shared a copy of the EDC's Annual Audit for the Year Ended September 30, 2016 and pointed out we exceeded our Sales Tax Revenue by seventy thousand seven dollars and no/100 (\$70,007.00).

Craig Belaire stated the EDC had a clean audit and the City of Nederland received a bonding rate of AA Stable from Standard and Poors.

#### COPIER

A motion was made by Bert Rogers and seconded by Billy Neal to purchase a new copier from Hernandez Office Supply to replace current leased copier at the end of lease agreement. Cost of new copier not to exceed seven thousand four hundred thirty-one dollars and no/100 (\$7,431.00).

Motion carried.

Ayes: Belaire, Meaux, Neal, Rogers, Roebuck, Root and Swindel.

Noes: None. Absent: None

#### COMMUNICATION

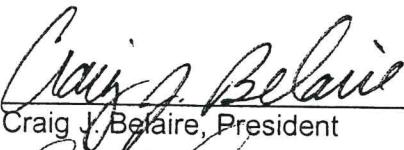
Kay DeCuir informed the Board of the following;

- Rosa's Mexican Restaurant's PRIDE Award had been paid back in full.
- PRIDE Program
  - Will have one coming up within the next few months for Nederland Garage
  - All current PRIDE Awards have been paid out except for one, Ace Hobby, and they have submitted all receipts. Their award check will be cut next pay period.
- Upcoming events
  - Art in the Park on April 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Spring Market Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Ribbon Cuttings
    - Boss Burger on April 21 at 4:45 pm (will include street dance from 5:00 -8:00 pm)
    - Nederland Public Works Service Center on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm
  - Relay for Life on April 29<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm to 12:00 am
  - Chamber Coffee at First Financial Bank on May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 am
- Jeff Holliday of Go Rail stopped by EDC to ask for our support of the current private regulatory of all freight rail and to send a letter to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation stating the EDC's support.
- She attended the Chamber's BizConnect. Topic of Discussion was Customer Service and the speakers were Letha Ruiz of The Rustic Door and Jaye Shepherd of the Better Business Bureau
- That she was appointed to the Southeast Texas Economic Foundation Advisory Board.

Brian Swindel reminded the EDC Board of the importance of including language in incentive packages to hire and buy local. He requested that everyone remind City and County Officials to do the same.

#### ADJOURN

There being no further business, President Belaire adjourned the meeting at 5:32 pm.

  
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Craig J. Belaire, President

  
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Bert Rogers, Secretary/Treasurer