

NEDERLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**Minutes
July 15, 2015**

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 Jim McNeill.

QUORUM

Board members present: Don Albanese, Craig Belaire, Larry Ducharme, Regan Meaux, Bert Rogers, Randy Sonnier, and Jim McNeill. Absent: None. Others present: Jim Wimberley, NEDC Attorney, Kay DeCuir, NEDC Executive Director and Christinia Herrmann, NEDC Administrative Secretary. Guests present: None

MINUTES

A motion was made by Craig Belaire and seconded by Randy Sonnier to approve the minutes of June 17, 2015.

Motion carried.

Ayes: Albanese, Belaire, Ducharme, Meaux, McNeill, Rogers, and Sonnier.

Noes: None. Absent: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was recessed at 4:31p.m. by President Jim McNeill 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; Texas Government Code Chapter 551.072, to discuss acquisition, exchange, and/or release of property and Texas Government Code Chapter 551.074, to discuss Personnel – Executive Director.

RECONVENE

The regular meeting was reconvened by President McNeill at 4:55 p.m. President McNeill announced no action was needed on 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; Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.072 discuss potential acquisition, exchange, and/or release of property; or Texas Government Code Chapter 551.074 to discuss Personnel – Executive Director.

PRIDE PROGRAM

A discussion was held regarding applications for the PRIDE Program.

An application was received from a business, Lori Lens Photography for a project consisting of landscaping, signage, painting, handicap ramp and parking lot improvements located at 203 N. 11th Street in Nederland, TX. They are requesting three thousand ninety-one dollars and .02/100 (\$3,091.02) for a project totaling six thousand one hundred eighty-two dollars and .04/100 (\$6,182.04).

A motion was made by Larry Ducharme and seconded by Bert Rogers to approve the PRIDE Program application for Lori Lens Photography in the amount not to exceed three thousand ninety-one dollars and .02/100 (\$3,091.02) for landscaping, signage, painting, handicap ramp and parking lot improvements at 203 N. 11th Street in Nederland, Texas.

Motion carried.

Ayes: Albanese, Belaire, Ducharme, Meaux, McNeill, Rogers and Sonnier.

Noes: None. Absent: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Director Kay DeCuir shared the June Financial Reports. She pointed out the total revenue for June was sixty-eight thousand three hundred six dollars and .09/100 (\$68,306.09) and we are thirty seven thousand five hundred seventy-eight dollars and .67/100 (\$37,578.67) away from meeting our projections for the current budget year.

2016 BOARD OFFICER COMMITTEE SELECTION

President Jim McNeill advised he has asked Don Albanese and Randy Sonnier to serve on the 2016 Board Officer Committee Selection to nominate eligible Board Members for all Officer positions for the 2015 – 2016 Term. President McNeill asked if any other Board Members would like to serve on this committee. He then requested the Committee to have their nomination selections slated and ready for voting during the August 19, 2015 Board Meeting.

COMMUNICATION

Kay DeCuir informed the Board of the new businesses, Mid-County Urgent Care, NAPA Auto Parts and Dickie's Barbeque which have opened or will be opening soon in Nederland. She also shared that numerous business have expanded their operations to include online sales.

Kay advised two meetings regarding utilities infrastructure had been held this month for The Landing Project and various options were being considered.

Other items Kay shared included advising the Board of a minor roof repair needed due to the recent storms, file monitoring is up to date with the exception of one business with which we are working to obtain the necessary reports, and FEMA brochures regarding Emergency Preparedness were delivered to numerous businesses around town with more deliveries to be done in the coming weeks.

Kay then informed the Board that the NEDC staff is in the process of updating our Business Database, will be working in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, Nederland Heritage Festival, City of Nederland, Nederland's Women of Action on various future events to benefit the citizens of Nederland. In addition, she plans to meet with local realtors to share information on how the NEDC may assist them in bringing new businesses to Nederland.

In closing, she reminded Board Members of the Chamber's next coffee scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on August 11, 2015 at the Rustic Door.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Randy Sonnier and seconded by Larry Ducharme that the meeting be adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Motion carried.

Ayes: Albanese, Belaire, Ducharme, Meaux, McNeill, Rogers and Sonnier.

Noes: None. Absent: NONE



Jim McNeill, President



Larry Ducharme, Secretary/Treasurer