

## NEDERLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### Minutes October 11, 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 Regan Meaux.

#### QUORUM

Board members present: Billy Neal, Bert Rogers, Craig J. Belaire, Regan Meaux and Sylvia Root. Absent: Brian Swindel and Mike Roebuck. Others present: Jim Wimberley, Attorney, Kay DeCuir, NEDC Executive Director and Christinia Herrmann, NEDC Administrative Secretary, Chris Duque, City Manager. Guests: Ron Arceneaux and Keith Zotsky, Arceneaux Wilson & Cole Engineering.

#### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO AMERICAN FLAG

Bert Rogers gave the invocation and Regan Meaux led the Pledge.

#### MINUTES

A motion was made by Bert Rogers and seconded by Billy Neal to approve the minutes of August 16, 2017

Motion carried.

Ayes: Belaire, Meaux, Neal, Rogers, Root.

Noes: None. Absent: Roebuck and Swindel.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was recessed at 4:31 p.m. by President Regan Meaux 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 Regan Meaux at 5:26 p.m. President Meaux announced no action was needed on Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.087, to discuss the offer of an incentive to a business prospect; or Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.072 to discuss potential acquisition, exchange, and/or release of property.

President Meaux announced action was needed on Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071 to discuss litigation and/or legal advice;

Craig Belaire made a motion and Billy Neal seconded the motion to rescind the incentive granted to Charlie's Mid-County Storage per their request. Due to tremendous damage in area caused by Hurricane Harvey, they will reapply at a later.

Motion carried.

Ayes: Belaire, Meaux, Neal, Rogers, Root.

Noes: None. Absent: Roebuck and Swindel.

**A motion was made by Bert Rogers and seconded by Sylvia Root to extend the completion date deadline on HR Cabinets' (Harvest Kitchen) PRIDE Award to January 31, 2018.**

**Motion carried.**

**Ayes: Belaire, Meaux, Neal, Rogers, Root.**

**Noes: None. Absent: Roebuck and Swindel.**

## **FINANCIALS**

Kay DeCuir informed the Directors that the Financial Reports were not available due to year-end process. She also let them know that the TexPool accounts have accrued interest of six thousand four hundred seventy-eight dollars and .97/100 (\$6478.97) since August 2017.

Other items shared:

- Will give a short training session on financial reports during the November Closed Session
- Air conditioning unit went out and will be replaced at a cost of five thousand eight hundred dollars and no/100 (\$5,800.00)

## **COMMUNICATION**

Kay DeCuir shared

- Building Roof – numerous leaks after Hurricane Harvey and some decking and window seals may have damage. Have received two bids for roof replacement from Hall Construction and Bonin Roofing. Waiting on bid from Abshire Roofing. Will place on agenda for next meeting
- NEDC staff was only out of office three days after Hurricane Harvey, during which time we checked on businesses and monitored the EDC Facebook page and messages.
- Prior to storm Emergency Disaster Loan Packets were prepared. Fortunately, none of our businesses have needed a loan.
- NEDC staff has attended an SBA and SBDC meetings as well as hosted a SBA meeting for Nederland residents and businesses. October 24, 2017 is the deadline to file for an SBA loan
- New businesses
  - Whataburger purchased A & B Outdoor Equipment and United Liquor. They will begin construction in 2018
  - Longhorn Liquor on Nederland Avenue will be opening soon
  - On Demand Tint opened on Nederland Avenue
  - Twisted Gypsies Boutique has opened on Boston Avenue
  - J & L Outdoors on Twin City Hwy will be opening next week
  - NEDC started a new Facebook Page, Nederland Blessed and Obsessed, to share positive information about Nederland and its businesses. No negativity will be allowed
    - Bert Rogers shared that Sandra Rogers donated two albums of Nederland photos to Library if we need more photos to share
- Fall Market Day will be Saturday, October 28, 2017 on Boston Avenue
  - EDC will be selling Light Up Nederland shirts
- Trunk-r-Treat will be Tuesday, October 31, 2017.
- NEDC Staff is working on a Light Up Nederland Contest postcard to be mailed out
- List of Board Members, Meeting dates, and NISD Football Schedule
- NEDC Staff would be attending the Texas Economic Development Conference in Houston from October 18 – 20, 2017.

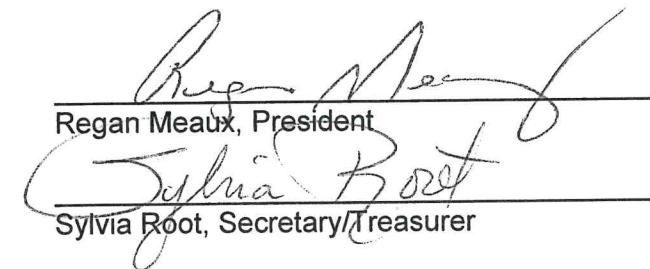
**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Craig Belaire and seconded by Bert Rogers to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Motion carried

Ayes: Belaire, Meaux, Neal, Rogers, Root.

Noes: None. Absent: Roebuck and Swindel.



Regan Meaux, President  
Sylvia Root, Secretary/Treasurer