

# **NEDERLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

## **Minutes October 14, 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 Craig Belaire.

### **QUORUM**

Board members present: Craig Belaire, Larry Ducharme, Jim McNeill, Regan Meaux, Billy Neal, Bert Rogers and Brian Swindel. Absent: None. Others present: Jim Wimberley, NEDC Attorney, Kay DeCuir, NEDC Executive Director and Christinia Herrmann, NEDC Administrative Secretary. Guests present: Angela Fanette, City of Nederland Parks and Recreation Director, Cheryl Dowden, City of Nederland Finance Director and Don Albanese, City Councilman.

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO AMERICAN FLAG**

President Belaire gave the invocation and led the Pledge

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Bert Rogers and seconded by Jim McNeill to approve the minutes of September 16, 2015.

Motion carried.

Ayes: Craig Belaire, Larry Ducharme, Jim McNeill, Regan Meaux, Billy Neal, Bert Rogers and Brian Swindel.

Noes: None. Absent: None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The regular meeting was recessed at 4:43 p.m. by President Craig 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; and Texas Government Code Chapter 551.072, to discuss acquisition, exchange, and/or release of property.

### **RECONVENE**

The regular meeting was reconvened by President Belaire at 4:55 p.m. President Belaire 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; or Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.072 discuss potential acquisition, exchange, and/or release of property.

### **PRIDE PROGRAM**

A discussion was held regarding applications for the PRIDE Program.

An application was received from a business, HMH Group Inc. for a project consisting of sidewalks, canopy on three sides of building and restriping parking lot located at 3503 Nederland Avenue in Nederland, TX. They are requesting ten thousand dollars and .no/100 (\$10,000.00) for a project totaling twenty-two thousand three hundred sixty-five dollars and no/100 (\$22,365.00).

**A motion was made by Billy Neal and seconded by Larry Ducharme to approve the PRIDE Program application for HMH Group Inc., in the amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars and .no/100 (\$10,000.00) for sidewalks, canopies, and restriping parking lot at 3503 Nederland Avenue in Nederland, Texas, provided completed project passes all City inspections and Code Ordinances.**

**Motion carried.**

**Ayes: Craig Belaire, Larry Ducharme, Jim McNeill, Regan Meaux, Billy Neal, Bert Rogers and Brian Swindel.**

**Noes: None. Absent: None**

An application was received from the City of Nederland for a project consisting of landscaping on Boston Avenue in Nederland, TX. They are requesting three thousand dollars and no/100 (\$3,000.00) for a project totaling six thousand dollars and no/100 (\$6,000.00).

**A motion was made by Larry Ducharme and seconded by Bert Rogers to approve the PRIDE Program application for the City of Nederland in the amount not to exceed three thousand dollars and no/100 (\$3,000.00) for landscaping on Boston Avenue.**

**Ayes: Craig Belaire, Larry Ducharme, Jim McNeill, Regan Meaux, Billy Neal, Bert Rogers and Brian Swindel.**

**Noes: None. Absent: None**

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Director Kay DeCuir shared the September Financial Reports and noted that this was a preliminary report for September. She pointed out that some categories were a little over budget but would balance out on next month's report. Bert Rogers pointed out that the Actual Revenue was 1.5 million over the projected Revenue. Kay also shared the State Total Sales Tax Summary Report which included years 1987 through 2015.

### **COMMUNICATION**

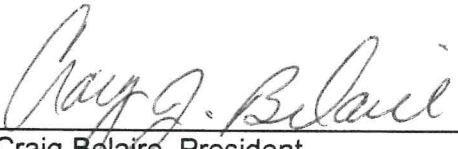
Kay DeCuir updated the Board of Directors the various upcoming events such as, the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Golf Tournament, Trunk-R-Treat and Christmas on The Avenue. She also advised that the NEDC staff participated in the recent National Night Out and that we were currently working with the City, Chamber and Heritage Festival to sponsor free ads for our local businesses in the annual Port Arthur News Christmas Tabloid.

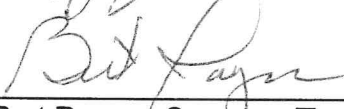
Kay requested information needed from each Board Member to set up a Google email account for future notifications. She also reminded Board Members that she would be attending Disaster Resiliency Training the week of October 19, 2015.

Craig Belaire presented outgoing Board Member Don Albanese with a plaque and thanked him for his years of service on the NEDC Board. He informed Board Member that they were being provided a revised listing of current Board Members and also reviewed the Text Service program and how to accept Kay's invitation to participate in this notification service.

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further business, President Belaire adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.**

  
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Craig Belaire, President

  
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Bert Rogers, Secretary/Treasurer