

NEDERLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Minutes October 09, 2018

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: Don Albanese, Stuart Kieschnick, Regan Meaux, Billy Neal, Mike Roebuck, Sylvia Root and Brian Swindel. Absent: None. Others present: Jim Wimberley, NEDC Attorney, Kay DeCuir, NEDC Executive Director and Christinia Herrmann, NEDC Administrative Secretary.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO AMERICAN FLAG

Kay DeCuir gave the invocation and led the Pledge.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Billy Neal and seconded by Sylvia Root to approve the minutes of September 19, 2018.

Motion carried.

Ayes: Albanese, Kieschnick, Meaux, Neal, Roebuck, Root and Swindel.

Noes: None. Absent: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was recessed at 4:34 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 5:02 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 Chapter 551.072 to discuss potential acquisition, exchange, and/or release of property.

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

A motion was made by Billy Neal and seconded by Sylvia Root to approve hiring Arceneaux, Wilson and Cole ('AWC"), at a cost not to exceed seven hundred sixty-nine thousand nine hundred fifty-eight dollars and no/100 (\$769,958.00), which cost is to include both the retention of AWC to serve as the NEDC's owner's representative and engineer related to the construction of the deceleration lane to approach and allow access to the new, to be constructed roadway, entering the pending GLOW development project in front of the Jack Brook's Regional Airport as required by Texas Department of Transportation and the projected actual costs of said construction, with said contract to be subject to (i) prior approval by Jefferson County Commissioners to include this aggregate cost in the reimbursement provisions of the previously approved Interlocal Agreement existing between the NEDC and the County

associated with the Glow project and (ii) prior verification that Glow is committed and obligated to construct material portions of the Glow project.

Motion carried.

Ayes: Albanese, Kieschnick, Meaux, Neal, Roebuck, Root and Swindel.

Noes: None. Absent: None.

PRIDE

An application was received from a business, Kreative Kamera, for a project consisting of concrete parking lot, striping of parking lot and handicap parking signage 1021 North Twin City Hwy in Nederland, TX. They are requesting ten thousand dollars and no/100 (\$10,000.00) on a project totaling twenty-three thousand two hundred dollars and no/100 (\$23,200.00).

A motion was made by Brian Swindel and seconded by Mike Roebuck to approve the PRIDE Program application for Kreative Kamera in the amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars and no/100 (\$10,000.00) for a concrete parking lot, striping of parking lot and handicap parking signage at 1021 North Twin City Hwy in Nederland, Texas

Motion carried.

Ayes: Albanese, Kieschnick, Meaux, Neal, Roebuck, Root and Swindel.

Noes: None. Absent: None.

The application for Clove and Cotton will be moved to the November Agenda as the business owner was unable to obtain all necessary bids prior to our October meeting.

COMMUNICATION

Kay shared the following:

- A plaque honoring Bert Rogers for his dedication to the Nederland EDC has been ordered for displaying in the Nederland EDC Board Room.
- Submitting forms to update check signers on the Nederland EDC account. Bert Rogers will be removed and newly elected Vice-President Brian Swindel will be added along with Cheryl Dowden, City Finance Director
- Fall Market Day will be Saturday, October 20, 2018. Due to the unexpected timing of construction at the intersection of Boston and 12th Street, we will need to shift the location down a block. We will need help directing traffic in and out during set up and break down. As of today, we have forty-five spaces reserved, collected six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$625.00) in booth fees and one thousand four hundred fifty dollars in deposits. (If vendors adhere to all rules, we will return their deposit.) The total fees collected are enough to cover the cost of news paper ads and the port-a-potties. The Nederland Chamber of Commerce and Tourism has graciously paid for Radio Ads advertising the Fall Market Day.
- The Nederland EDC applied for a Community Economic Development Award (CEDA) through the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) which will be award at Annual TEDC Conference next week. Our submission was based on winning three new businesses (Wienerschnitzel, Whataburger and Judices's) during a time of recovery for our area after a devastating storm. We were not selected as one of the top three, however we will be presented a plaque for participation in the program.
- The owner of Whataburger called to give us an update of his first two weeks. They had an incredible first week and their second week was almost as good as the first week in spite of the heavy rains. They need twenty-three (23) additional employees.
- We are preparing for the Light Up Nederland Contest as well as working with Chief Gary Porter on the first Lighted Golf Cart Parade to tour the City. Chief Porter will layout the route and has requested we limit the number of participants to fifty (50). He and the police department will escort us through town to look at the lighted homes.

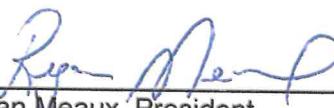
Mike Roebuck requested we continue to say the beautiful prayer Bert Rogers always prayed at the beginning of our meetings. Brian Swindel echoed his support.

Brian Swindel requested an update on Judice's. Kay advised she had spoken with Al Judice and he stated his contractor, Winds Construction, is running eight weeks behind and his goal is to open in November.

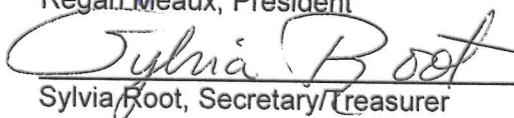
Mike Roebuck suggested we consider rolling CDs into a Money Market Account for better interest rate.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, President Meaux adjourned the meeting at 5:20 pm.



Regan Meaux, President



Sylvia Root, Secretary/Treasurer