

**Minutes**  
**Flatonia Economic Development Corporation**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 17, 2019**

**Present:**

**Board Members**

Dennis Geesaman  
Ginny Sears  
Ashley Beeman  
Lenel Tamez  
Gary Hoover  
Brad Bass

**City Staff**

Mark McLaughlin – City Manager/General Manager  
Melissa Brunner – City Secretary/Finance Manager  
Angela Beck – City Attorney

**Opening Agenda**

President Dennis Geesaman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

President Geesaman led the invocation and the Pledge to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

**Reports**

**EDC President Report**

President Geesaman gave a brief overview of the International Council on Shopping Centers Red River Conference. He also invited Gary Hoover to give his impressions. Gary stated that most of the groups that they spoke to were looking for people to hold franchises.

President Geesaman stated that there was information in this week's Argus on AMTRAK and the TEMPO meeting coming up in October that will be held in Flatonia

**General Manager Report**

General Manager McLaughlin reported that Colorado Valley was the only internet company that responded to him.

McLaughlin also reported that he was scheduled for some training to work on the website and that it was ready for editing.

McLaughlin reported that Cal Maine Feed Mill had requested information on the Façade Improvement Program.

**Consent Agenda**

Brad Bass motioned to approve the consent agenda to include the minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting and the November 2018 Financial Report. Lenel Tamez seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Deliberation Agenda**

- 1-2019.1. Gary Hoover motioned to delete the Slaughterhouse Road straightening item from the Exhibit A. Brad Bass seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2019.2. The Board discussed but took no action on appropriate strategies for utilizing Retail Coach.
- 1-2019.3. The Board discussed business incentives to include small and/or large matching grants or loans. The Committee gave some suggestions and took suggestions on business incentives. No action was taken.
- 1-2019.4. Brad Bass motioned to authorize Gary Hoover and Lenel Tamez to attend the Film Friendly Texas Workshop in Bastrop on February 19, 2019. Ginny Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 1-2019.5. Mark McLaughlin reported on the availability of broadband internet in Flatonia. He has spoken with several different entities. No action was taken.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.**

**Signed**

Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2019

Dennis Geesaman  
President

**Attest**

Lenel Tamez  
Secretary