

Minutes
Flatonia Economic Development Corporation
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2019

Present:

Board Members

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

City Staff

Mark McLaughlin – City Manager/General Manager
Melissa Brunner – City Secretary/Finance Manager

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.

City Secretary Melissa Brunner gave new EDC Board member Larry Haas his oath of office.

Reports

EDC President Report

President Geesaman spoke about some changes to the leadership within AMTRAK. They have a new Chief Executive Officer. There are some possible changes to Sunset Limited train runs.

President Geesaman stated that he and Mark Eversole were working on the AMTRAK and the Texas Eagle Marketing and Performance Organization (TEMPO) meeting coming up in October that will be held in Flatonia

General Manager Report

General Manager McLaughlin went over the list of properties for sale that he had compiled for the Board.

Consent Agenda

Ginny Sears motioned to approve the consent agenda to include the minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting and the February 2019 Financial Report. Ashley Beeman seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

- 3-2019.1. Brad Bass motioned change Exhibit A, moving the current item #6, Water Main on Jares Lane and I-to frontage road back to FM 609 up to #5, and move the current #5, Market

- Street Extension to I-10 frontage Road to #6. Ashley Beeman seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 3-2019.2. The Board discussed but took no action on strategies for utilizing Retail Coach.
- 3-2019.3. No action was taken on a draft Business Incentives Program per recommendations of the committee.
- 3-2019.4. No action was taken on broadband internet availability and strategies on how to inform the businesses of availability of such in Flatonía as per recommendations of the committee. Bill Ingram, the project manager for SCT Broadband spoke about the fiber project that he was working on in Flatonía.
- 3-2019.5. Ginny Motioned to accept the quote of \$1000 from SCT Broadband for the hardware to build the Downtown Historic District Wi-Fi hotspot. Gary Hoover seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Signed

Approved this 18th day of April, 2019

Dennis Geesaman
President

Attest

Lenel Tamez
Secretary