

**Flatonia Economic Development Corporation Board**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Present**

President           Ginny Sears  
Vice President   Richard Niemann  
Members           Dennis Geesaman  
                      Joanye Eversole  
                      Taylor Swenning  
City Secretary   Jacqueline Ott

**Absent**

Members       Randy Johnson  
                  Shirley Williams  
City Manager   Sonya Bishop

**Call to Order**

President Sears called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Invocation & Pledge**

Vice President Niemann led the invocation and pledges.

**Citizen Participation**

None

**New Business**

2. Board member Eversole moved, seconded by Vice President Niemann, to approve awarding a BIP grant to Czech'rd Dog, with the agreement that the business will pay \$3,433 to the City of Flatonia within five days of receipt of the funds and the remaining amount of \$6,567 may be used as allowed under the BIP grant rules. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**Presentation Agenda**

1. The Board presented a BIP grant check to Czech'rd Dog.

**Report Agenda**

2. President Sears reported the sales tax revenues are up by 14.5% from 2024 to 2025. After running the real numbers in the budget, she was able to determine that the Board can send \$165,000 for sludge removal. The budget is over for street lights, but there are some areas where the money can be moved around. There is one more BIP grant application from Hometown Wellness Clinic.
3. President Sears reported Kevin Laney has started construction on his building on South Main Street. Board member Geesaman stated there is nothing to report on the CARTS/AMTRAK depot.

**Workshop Agenda**

1. Potential projects and opportunities to improve Economic Development for the City of Flatonia in accordance with the Bylaws of the Flatonia Economic Development Corporation and governed by Local Government Code, Chapter 501-Provisions Governing Development Corporations, and Chapter 505-Type B Corporations.

No changes were suggested.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Board member Eversole moved, seconded by Vice President Niemann, to approve the minutes from the regular FEDC meeting held on January 16, 2025. Board member Swenning informed City Secretary Ott that she was present at the meeting but her name was left off the minutes. City Secretary Ott will correct the error before President Sears signs the official minutes. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**Discussion Agenda**

1. President Sears and Melanie Berger from The Flatonina Argus had a phone conversation with an advertising representative from Texas Highways Magazine. President Sears received the pricing information and shared it with the Board. Some of the advertising can be added to the next budget. The Board will review the information and make a decision on the best option at the next meeting.
2. President Sears updated the board on the Comprehensive Plan Review Town Hall and February Committee meeting. She provided the FEDC section from the current Comprehensive Plan. Vice President Niemann suggested they add the grants to the list, but no changes otherwise.


**New Business (continued)**

1. Board member Eversole moved, seconded by Board member Swenning, to approve the following changes to Exhibit A: move the wastewater treatment facility to #1, add advertising to publications to #2, move streetlight upgrades to #3, and shift down the remaining items. President Sears directed City Secretary Ott to remove the amount from item #1. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**Adjournment**

President Sears adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Signed**



Ginny Sears  
President

**Attest**



Jacqueline Ott  
City Secretary

