

Flatonia Economic Development Corporation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Present

President Ginny Sears
Members Dennis Geesaman
 Kevin Laney
 Taylor Swenning
 Shirley Williams
 Randy Johnson
City Secretary Jacqueline Ott

Absent

Vice President Richard Niemann

Call to Order

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

Invocation & Pledge

Board member Geesaman led the invocation and pledges.

Citizen Participation

None

New Business

1. Board member Johnson, with a second from Board member Geesaman, moved to reappoint Ginny Sears as the President and Richard Niemann as the Vice President of the Economic Development Board of Directors. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Report Agenda

1. President Sears gave an update on the financials. She informed the Board of the sales tax revenue
2. President Sears gave an activity update, including the construction of Kevin Laney's building on South Main Street and an upcoming community event. Also, Kristen Laney has launched Flatonia on the Harvest Host app, which has already seen a few visitors in the downtown parking lot on North Main Street.
3. President Sears proposed creating a committee comprised of Mike Patton, Judy Pate, and Mark Eversole to aid in the advertising project.

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.

President Sears would like to wait to decide where to place "Update the City logo" on the Exhibit A list.

Consent Agenda

1. Board member Swenning moved, seconded by Board member Williams, to approve the minutes from the regular FEDC meeting held on April 17, 2025. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Discussion Agenda

2. Due to announcement restrictions from the Office of the Governor, President Sears opted to skip discussing the Film Friendly Texas certification.
1. President Sears proposed that EDC pay for the drainage study on 4th Street and Middle Street by moving funds from the Business Incentive Program grant expense line. Board member Geesaman, speaking from the Interim City Manager position, explained that the City made the decision to conduct the study to get an unbiased opinion on the drainage issues around that neighborhood, since BEFCO Engineering is the engineering firm for both the City and Flatonia ISD.


New Business (continued)

2. Board member Johnson moved, with a second from Board member Swenning, to designate the money market account funds to the sludge removal project. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
3. Board member Geesaman, with a second from Board member Johnson, moved to approve creating an expense line for Drainage Study. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
4. Board member Johnson, with a second from Board member Geesaman, to approve moving \$30,000 from the expense line Business Incentive Program to the expense line Drainage Study. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Adjournment

President Sears adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

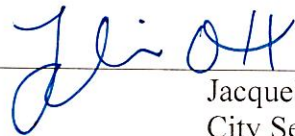
Signed



Ginny Sears
President



Attest



Jacqueline Ott
City Secretary