## **Executive Minutes of the**

# Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation Board of Directors

## Special Called Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:30P.M.

### **Board Members Present:**

Chris Von Doenhoff Robert Thompson Gerald Barkley Cynthia Neel

#### Staff Present:

James J. Gentry Carolyn Mcknight

- I. **Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chris Von Doenhoff, CEIDC Board President at 5:37.
- II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was led by James J. Gentry and the Pledge of Allegiance was quoted by ALL.
- III. Acknowledgement of Visitors and Public Comments: Gary Keeling, Jim Kelly & Will Lyles(Lincoln Lumber); Alton Porter, Ho. Co. Courier; Bill Pemberton, CEIDC Attorney
- IV. Consider and Take Action on Abatements for Project President: Three representative from Lincoln Lumber were present to present their Project. They informed the board that they have 9 facilities in the United States. They have no competitors because they use the 1 inch market and use full round lumber with 2 inch cut. Their decision will be made on the basis of an economic and logistic decision. They were also considering settling in Jasper, Texas but a drawback is that they do not have a suitable site there but Lincoln Lumber already owns a site in Crockett. The project will bring 18 jobs to Crockett and another property in Crockett has already been purchased for growth, which in turn could create another 30 jobs.

Lincoln Lumber hopes to be fully functional in the first quarter of next year. Lincoln Lumber stated that any delay would be money lost for their company. In order to try to expedite the project, it was agreed upon to contact Senator Robert Nichols and State Representative Trent Ashby's office. John Angerstein expressed to Lincoln Lumber that there is a 30 day notice before tax abatement with the City. The 30 days has already begun and the City Council has already consented. Cynthia Neel made a motion to recommend the abatement for the City and the County. Robert Thompson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

V. Consider and Take Action on Setting Meeting Dates and Times: After a time of discussion about a meeting date for the CEIDC Board Meeting, Cynthia Neel made a motion that the CEIDC Board meeting be set for the second Tuesday of the month and a second was made by Gerald Barkley. The motion was passed unanimously.

With no further business	to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.	
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