

Executives Minutes
of
Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation
Board of Directors

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 5:30PM

CEIDC DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Chris Von Doenhoff
Gerald Barkley
Colin Castleberry
Cynthia Neel

EX-OFFICIO:

Darrell Jones

CEIDC STAFF:

James J. Gentry
Carolyn Mcknight

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** *The meeting was called to order by Chris Von Doenhoff, Board President.*

- II. **Opening Meeting with Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** *The Invocation was led by James Gentry and the Pledge was recited by all.*

- III. **Acknowledgement of Visitors and Public Comment:** *Bryan Hermann, Rick Leukert, Dan Nixon with Onshore Outsourcing; Mayor lanthia Fisher, City of Crockett*

- IV. **Approval of June 11, July 7, July 15, July 29, August 10 , October 1, November 10th Minutes:** *A motion was made by Cynthia Neel to approve the minutes and a second was made by Colin Castleberry. The motion was approved unanimously.*

- V. **Approval of Financials for June, July, August, September, October and November:** *Mr. Gentry voiced to the Board that the financials are on budget. He mentioned the purchase of the new copier which we are on a lease to own contract. Mr. Gentry*

announced to the Board that he had delivered a check to the County Judge in the amount of 26,500.00 for the airport project on yesterday and another major check in the amount of \$85,000.00 which will be cut for the Pineywoods Sanitation Building in the near future. A motion was made by Colin Castleberry to approve the minutes and a second was made by Cynthia Neel. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Consider and Take Action on modification of agreement with Onshore Outsourcing:

Bryan Hermann, Dan Nixon, and Rick Leukert informed the Board about their plans for the future. They stated their reasons for the modification which was the uncertainty of the times due to COVID. They expressed their need to have the Incentive Agreement extended out for six months. Cynthia Neel expressed her concerns that Onshore had not been forthcoming with their quarterly reports and communication. Rick Leukert took full responsibility for the breakdown and Dan Nixon committed to Quarterly Reports and better communication. Mr. Gentry made a recommendation that CEIDC allow for a 6 month extension for the agreement with closer monitoring and communication of where they are going forward. Economic Development will continue to see what we can do to help with their efforts in the City and in the County. Mr. Gentry expressed that he is very optimistic about the future. Colin Castleberry made a motion to approve the six month extension to the Incentive Agreement with the promise of Quarterly Reports and better communication. Cynthia Neel seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. Consider and take action on presentation from Mountain Top Development. Mr.

Gentry announced that the gentlemen, Willie Drew and Robert Noack had called yesterday to say that they were unable to make the meeting. Mr. Gentry mentioned that the company is looking at Houston County from the standpoint of developing clean energy and a solar farm in the Crockett and Grapeland area. They are also looking at doing some single family buildings for constructions of homes and working with the schools with the education of solar energy and the technology of it. They are presently searching out property in the area. They have already identified a 30 ac. plot in the Grapeland area. They have also looked at our Industrial Park for another site and other areas outside the city limits as well. The company has done some solar energy projects in the Houston area and both men are retired Houston, Harris County Deputy Sheriffs. They are a diversified company and are seriously looking at our town. Mr. Gentry mentioned to the Board that the two gentleman were here two weeks ago and had met Chris, Mayor Fisher, John Angerstein, and Judge Lovell. Mr. Gentry stated that the two gentlemen will possibly be coming back next week and will be bringing more information about their plans. The Mayor vocalized that their plan is too broad and hopefully they will tighten up their niche.

VIII. **Consider and Take Action on finalization of signatures for Amended City Abatement Agreements with Lincoln Lumber Crockett, LLC. ,also known as Lincoln Lumber Real Estate.** Mr. Gentry informed the Board that Lincoln Lumber was very happy with the verbiage change as well as incorporating the additional properties, Adams and Jackie Lewis. Right now they are moving dirt on Austin Street and the house is no longer there. They are being very aggressive in wanting to make something happen within the next few weeks. Mr. Gentry stated that Lincoln Lumber was fine with the County agreement but not with the City agreement. The mayor stated that they will have to just wait for the 30 day notice. Mr. Gentry remarked that John Angerstein, City Administrator will be posting an article in the newspaper about the project. Cynthia Neel made a motion that the revised agreement had already been approved in the last meeting but the Board re-reviewed and accepted the revised agreement with the added properties. Gerald Barkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Gentry made mention that Gerald Barkley had contacted him in reference to Hewlett Packard looking to expand. Gerald stated that he wanted Mr. Gentry to contact them to let them know that were are here and if they need an area to expand to, consider us.

Chris Von Doenhoff mentioned that Judge Ford was life flighted to Lufkin hospital.

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



President



Secretary /Treasurer