

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

TUESDAY, February 9, 2021 5:30PM

CEIDC DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Chris Von Doenhoff
Gerald Barkley
Colin Castleberry
Cynthia Neel

GUEST:

Mayor Ianthia Fisher
Alton Porter
Joe Hatten

CEIDC STAFF:

James J. Gentry
Carolyn Mcknight

- I. *The meeting was called to order at 5:33 by Chris VonDoenhoff, Board President.***

- II. *Invocation was led by Mr. Gentry and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.***

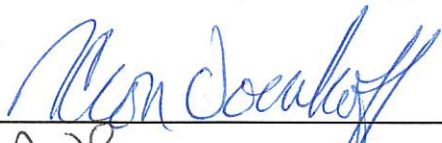
- III. *Acknowledgement of Visitors and Public Comment: Mayor Ianthia Fisher, Alton Porter, Ho.Co.Courier, Joe D. Hatten, Pineywoods Sanitation Representative.***

- IV. *Approval of December 8, 2020 Minutes. A motion to approve December 8, 2020 minutes was made by Mr. Castleberry and seconded by Mr. Von Doenhoff. The motion was approved unanimously.***


- V. **Approval of December & January 2020 Financials.** A motion to approve December 2020 and January 2021 Financials was made by Mr. Barkley and seconded by Mr. Castleberry. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Gentry interjected that the financials are looking good. The Prosperity loan balance is about \$475,000.00 and the other loan is about \$2.3 million. Mr. Gentry explained to the Board about the Pledge Security List which safeguards ED funds over the \$250,000.00 limit. The \$250,000.00 is insured by FDIC through Prosperity. Axley and Rode picked up the Oct. 2019- Sept. 2020 fiscal year audit.
- VI. **Consider and Take Action on Interlocal Agreement between Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corp. and City of Crockett:** A motion was made by Mr. Castleberry to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Infrastructure Improvements for materials and the water and sewer lines for Lincoln Lumber between Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation and the City of Crockett and a second by Gerald Barkley. The motion was passed unanimously.
- VII. **Consider and take action on 2nd Phase of Small Business Relief Applications.** Mr. Gentry expressed to the Board that Economic Development had paid 40 applicants, \$500.00 each totaling \$20,000.00. Economic Development has been reimbursed with monies through the Cares Act. A list was presented to the Board of all the applicants who had applied for the first round (who did not receive monies) and the new applicants who had applied after the first round of monies. Mr. Gentry asked the Board how they would like to proceed. Cynthia Neel stated that she would like all the applicants to go back through the same process as the beginning. A motion was made by Mr. Barkley to go through the committee for all the applicants before any money (up to \$20,000.00) is dispersed and a second was made by Mr. Castleberry. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Gentry also elaborated on Ards Chicken, who as of now had closed their doors but could possibly reopen if they could receive some financial assistance.
- VIII. **Award Incentive Check to Pineywoods Sanitation.** Joe Hatten, salaried employee, of Pineywoods Sanitation, was present to update the Board on their progress. The Pineywoods office building is in use and the hours of operation is from Monday – Friday form 8:00am to 4:00pm, often they are there after 4:00pm. Of the list of people hired, only three employees were hired outside of Houston County. At the moment, they are planting grass seeds for the yard and getting the parking lot complete. The Transfer station should be complete in May and should also bring money into Crockett. Mr. James Gentry presented Joe Hatton with an \$85,000.00 check for the Pineywoods Sanitation building. The building is located on the City of Crockett property.

- IX. Provide Signature to 6 mos. extension of performance Agreement with Onshore.**
The six months extension has been added to the Second Amended Incentive Agreement for Onshore. Mr. Von Doenhoff has already signed off on the agreement. Mr. Gentry stated that Onshores advertisement is being circulated around the area. Bryan Herman's title has been changed and he is busy marketing Onshore to the governmental entities. Onshore has not gotten us their quarterly report as promised at the last meeting. Mrs. Neel stated that we must get those reports in order to know what is going on.
- X. Community Outreach.** *Mr. Gentry shared with the Board that Axle and Rode had picked up the fiscal year audit. There will be a Basic Economic Development Course training and a Grant Writing Workshop in March. We are still waiting for the document from Chris to close on the purchase of the Grisham and Bruner property. Mr. Gentry is zooming in on the Texas Legislative Sessions to make sure that Economic Development get our fair share of the sales tax. Mr. Gentry will also be zooming in on some of the Legislative highlights.*

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



President



Secretary/Treasurer