

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

TUESDAY, April 13, 2021 5:30PM

CEIDC DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Gerald Barkley
Robert Thompson
Cynthia Neel

GUEST:

Alton Porter
Bryan Hermann

CEIDC STAFF:

James J. Gentry
Carolyn Mcknight

- I. *Call Meeting to Order.*** Meeting was called to order by Mr. James J. Gentry.
- II. *Opening Meeting with Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.*** Invocation was led by Mayor Ianthia Fisher and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by ALL.
- III. *Acknowledgement of Visitors and Public Comment.*** Alton Porter, Houston County Courier and Bryan Hermann, Onshore Outsourcing. No comments were made.
- IV. *Approval of March 9, 2021 minutes.*** Gerald Barkley made a motion to approve the minutes and a second was made by Cynthia Neel. The motion was passed unanimously.
- V. *Approval March 2021 Financials.*** Cynthia Neel noticed payments for the Small Business Relief Fund and ask if the amounts were from the first or second payout. Mr. Gentry informed her that the amounts were for the second payout of the Small Business Relief

Fund. Gerald Barkley made a motion to approve the financials and a second was made by Robert Thompson. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Onshore Outsourcing Status Report (Update). Mr. Bryan Hermann gave the Board an extensive update on Onshore Outsourcing. At this moment they presently have 15 employees and will be hiring 2 more on the following Monday. Bryan also informed the Board of their future plans for Onshore. Cynthia Neel asked if the 15 people hired are from this area. Mr. Hermann stated that all the employees are from the Houston County area except for one. They are still hiring and if you know someone that might need a job, please send them their way. Bryan stated that he is very excited about the things that will be happening in the next couple of months.

VII. Community Outreach. Mr. Gentry explained to the Board that he originally had planned for Mike Orr to perform a really inexpensive repair job to the signage in the Industrial Park. Unfortunately he will not be available until this fall. The next proposal that he got was very expensive. Mr. Gentry presented the Board another proposal that seems more reasonable, Steward Signs. One is a LED type sign and the other one is without the LED lights both are modified cornerstone models. Mayor Fisher stated that whatever the line item cost in the budget for the sign should be the gauge for the cost and there should be a timeline for the completion of the work. Mr. Gentry also introduced to the Board a project that has been on his heart ever since he started his position. He wants a working Board to take some of the goals that he has and give focus to them. Some of these positions are Education and Training, Marketing and Communications, Industry Outreach Workforce Development, Community Outreach and General Programs for Business Retention/Business Prospects. He has a mind to assign each one but he wants the Board to look at each one and decide which one is their expertise and move forward. It is his thought to move forward with the Strategic Plan with each Board member working with him to get some ideas developed. He is ready to move forward. He has a lot of goals and aspirations he had before COVID hit and we did not get a lot of them done. Things are opening up and he is ready to show some effort. The Commissioner's court signed off on the Abatement for Lincoln Lumber today and the only signatures left is for Lincoln Lumber to sign. Mayor Fisher stated that before we have another Abatement, there will be a meeting with the lawyer, the City and Mr. Gentry so there will not be another mix up where the Abatement had to be double or even triple review. When the Abatement was approved collectively, it should have been approved collectively. When the City had their public hearing, it should have been done simultaneously between the City and the County. As a result Lincoln Lumber was a little frustrated with the amount of time it has taken to get the Abatement approved.

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

Allen Jacoboff

President

Robert R. Kopp

Secretary / Treasurer