

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

FOR

Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation

Board of Directors

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 5:30PM

CEIDC Board of Directors

Gerald Barkley

Robert Thompson

Colin Castleberry

Natrenia Hicks

Janita Noel

City of Crockett

Mayor Ianthia Fisher

Newspaper

Jan White, Ho. Co. Courier

Staff

James J. Gentry

Carolyn Mcknight

- I. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order by Gerald Barkley.*
- II. Opening Meeting with Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was led by Secretary/Treasurer Robert Thompson and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by ALL.*
- III. Acknowledgement of Visitors and Public Comments. Gary White, husband to Jan White and Joe Hicks, husband to Natrenia Hicks. No public comments.*
- IV. Approval of September 14, 2021 Minutes. Robert Thompson made a motion to approve the September 14, 2021 minutes with the revisions made by Natrenia Hicks. A second was made by Natrenia Hicks. The minutes were approved unanimously.*

- V. *Approval of September 2021 Financials.* Gerald Barkley asked for clarification of a couple of checks. Mr. Gentry gave clarification. A motion was made by Colin Castleberry to approve the September 2021 financials. A second was made by Robert Thompson. The motion was approved unanimously.
- VI. *Recognition of expiring Board Member Leadership:* Mr. Gentry had plaques made for the outgoing Board members: Chris Von Doenhoff and Cynthia Neel. Neither Board members were present. Mr. Gentry said that the plaques will be awarded at the City Council meeting.
- VII. *Acknowledgement of incoming Board Leadership.* Natrenia Hicks and Janita Noel were welcomed as new Board members. Both Board members gave a synopsis of introduction about themselves. The three remaining Board members also introduced themselves.
- VIII. *Take action to appoint bookkeeper for the Fiscal 2021-2022 year.* Mr. Gentry stated that in the 2020-2021 audit there were some findings that included the need for us to hire a bookkeeper as a third party to review our books. He reached out to several CPA's and bookkeepers in the area. There was one remaining that had potential, Dick Murchison. Mr. Murchison was unable to be here tonight. His proposal was for \$150.00 per month and any additional work will be billed hourly at \$50.00 per hour. Mr. Murchison will start this month, the new fiscal year, as our bookkeeper. Robert Thompson made a motion to retain Dick Murchison as our new bookkeeper and Colin Castleberry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- IX. *Discuss and Act on modification of purchase price of real estate property at South 4th Street Crockett, Texas.* Mr. Barkley said that when we originally discussed acquiring the property, the price was initially \$7500.00. Before we could close the deal, one of the owners of the property passed away. We had to wait until his estate was settled for us to move forward with the purchase. During this time some of the settlement charges included taxes and closing fees which changed the amount to \$8477.10. Mrs. Janita Noel asked for clarification into where the

property was located and why we were purchasing this property. Mr. Gentry stated that this property would become a part of our Industrial Park. It is located up from the strip center on South Fourth Street. It is the fenced in area where the grass is grown up. Along with the property that we already own, it will add up to be approximate 20 acres. We also have the EDA Grant which will be updating the streets, water and sewer lines and adding high speed internet along South Fourth Street. It will give us a chance to market the area better and allow something to come in there that we can all be proud of and bring some jobs here. A motion was made by Colin Castleberry that we move to modify the purchase price of the land on South Fourth Street at the purchase price of \$8477.10. Robert Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

X. *Discuss and Act on the Evaluation of Executive Director.* The recommendation was made that the Evaluation of the Executive Director be tabled for a future meeting on October 28, 2021.

XI. *Community Outreach.* Mr. Gentry updated the Board on CEIDC projects.

- ❖ *Texas Country Forest Partnership will be hosting a summit at the Fredonia Hotel on October 26, 2021 in Nacogdoches. He has invited Superintendent John Emerich to join us. CEIDC has purchased a table which consists of 8 seats. If anyone is interested, please let him know as soon as possible. If need be, we can always purchase another table.*
- ❖ *Tex 21 hosted a zoom meeting on October 15 about US287 converting into an interstate. There were over 100 people participating on that zoom meeting. It was a very productive meeting.*
- ❖ *We received an invoice from Culpepper Electric. The Board had discussed some time ago about the lighting at the Tech center being*

out. I had already been given the permission to get it done. Culpepper sent the final invoice for the work. They also found some electrical issues that they took care of as well. The final bill was \$8243.92.

- ❖ Mr. Gentry mentioned that he had been on a call with Texas Futura, Nelson was one of the two gentlemen involved. They are still motivated to develop their property in the Industrial Park along with doing some other things. Mr. Gentry told him that he would just like for him to do what he said he was going to do with the first property. Mr. Gentry will be pursuing that with all haste to see if we can make that happen as well as getting that industrial gas line into the Industrial Park. Hopefully coordinating the gas line with the water and sewer with the EDA grant that we have received.

With no further business to discuss. Colin Castleberry made a motion to adjourn.

David Bailey President

Robert R. Thompson Secretary/Treasurer