

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

for

Crockett Economic & Industrial Development Corporation

Board of Directors

Tuesday, DECEMBER 14, 2021 5:30PM

CEIDC Board of Directors

Gerald Barkley
Robert Thompson
Natrenia Hick

City of Crockett

Mayor Ianthia Fisher
Darrell Jones

Newspaper

Gary White, Ho. Co. Courier

Staff

James J. Gentry (telephone conferenced)
Carolyn Mcknight

- I. Call Meeting to order : Meeting called to order by Gerald Barkley at 5:40pm.*
- II. Opening Meeting with Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting opened with an Invocation by Robert Thompson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.*
- III. Acknowledgement of Visitors and Public Comments: Pam Wagoner/Connected Nation in Texas; Malcolm Ifoezeh/TWC-Vocational Rehabilitation; Robin Ogg/ Filthy Gringos; Jeff Darst/ Business Owner; Marco V. Hayes/Business Owner of Bear Halt*
- IV. Approval of October 19, 2021 Minutes: A motion was made by Robert Thompson to approve the October 19, 2021 minutes and a second was made by Natrenia Hicks. The motion was approved unanimously.*
- V. Approval of October 2021 and November 2021 Financials: A motion was made by Natrenia Hicks to approve October 2021 and November*

2021 financials and a second was made by Robert Thompson. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. *Election of Board Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer): A motion was made by Robert Thompson to table the discussion for a later date and a second was made by Natrenia Hicks. The motion was approved unanimously.*

VII. *Discussion with Malcolm Ifoezch, Vocational Rehab Services: Mr. Ifoezch discussed the services that his agency provided. Mr. Ifoezch said that his whole goal is for the Vocational Rehab and the Workforce Center to be housed in the same building to make it a one stop shop. Mr. Ifoezch voiced that The Vocational Rehab is the best kept secret in Texas. Gerald Barkley told Mr. Ifoezch that CEIDC is looking into rendering that situation. Mr. Ifoezch thanked the CEIDC for the job that they are doing. The Board thanked Mr. Ifoezch for coming and sharing his concerns.*

VIII. *Presentation from Connected Nation on the Executive Summary of Broadband in Houston County: Pam Waggoner presented an overview of the findings when the Connected Nation (CN Texas) Connected Program partnered with the Houston County Broadband Team to conduct a study designed to determine the availability of Broadband infrastructure; how the residents are adopting and using Broadband services; and what steps would have the greatest impact toward improving broadband access, adoption and use across every sector. Mrs. Wagonner suggestion was to hire a Broadband Advocate for Houston County that reports to the City Council and County Judge, who could keep the Broadband information up to date to increase access to Broadband throughout the Houston County area. Mrs. Wagonner asked that if the Board would like a more formal presentation, please contact and let her know. She would be more than happy to come back and do so. Natrenia Hicks stated that the presentation gave her some answers to questions that she had about Broadband Internet.*

- IX. *Discuss and Take Action on Terminix Contract for Tech Center:*
Natrenia Hicks made a motion that the bid by Terminix be accepted and Robert Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- X. *EXECUTIVE SESSION: GOV.CODE 551.087 Economic Dev. Negotiations - Discussion and or Take Action about Project Motorcycle*
- XI. *RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION and consider action IF ANY on item no. 10: Mrs. Robin Ogg with Project Motorcycle made a brief presentation of their ideas for their business. The Board and Mayor asked a couple of questions. Gerald Barkley stated that with Mr. Gentry being absent, it would be more beneficial to have the whole game plan in front of us to make better choices in how to service her business. Robert Thompson stated that it is great to have her business in Crockett and wish her much success where the business can grow and the town can grow. The Board told Mrs. Ogg that they would like her to come back with further details about her business plan. Mrs. Ogg thanked the Board for their time.*
- XII. *EXECUTIVE SESSION: GOV.CODE 551.074 Personnel – Discussion on the Evaluation of CEIDC Executive Director*
- XIII. *RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION and consider action IF ANY on item no. 12: No action was taken.*
- XIV. *Community Outreach: Gerald Barkley stated that he would not elaborate about the items that are in the community outreach because he does not know what Mr. Gentry had on his mind. Robert Thompson interjected that one thing that he read is that the Board needs to attend some of the trainings. The Mayor made mention that at one time we had a team that when a business came in that we would be able to answer all of the questions they had. The Mayor said that she thinks that it will be a good idea to update and re-develop the team because it was a really good team.*

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:12PM.

Harold Bank *President*
Robert R. Thompson *Secretary Treasurer*