

Minutes
Flatonia Economic Development Corporation
Regular Meeting
February 21, 2019

Present:

Board Members

Dennis Geesaman
Ginny Sears
Gary Hoover
Brad Bass

City Staff

Mark McLaughlin – City Manager/General Manager
Melissa Brunner – City Secretary/Finance Manager
Angela Beck – City Attorney

Opening Agenda

President Dennis Geesaman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

President Geesaman led the invocation and the Pledge to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

Reports

EDC President Report

President Geesaman spoke about some changes to the leadership within AMTRAK. They have a new Chief Executive Officer. There are some possible changes to Sunset Limited train runs.

President Geesaman stated that he and Mark Eversole were working on the AMTRAK and the Texas Eagle Marketing and Performance Organization (TEMPO) meeting coming up in October that will be held in Flatonia

General Manager Report

General Manager McLaughlin went over the list of properties for sale that he had compiled for the Board.

Consent Agenda

Brad Bass motioned to approve the consent agenda to include the minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting and the January 2019 Financial Report. Gary Hoover seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

- 2-2019.1. No action was taken on the items listed on Exhibit A.
- 2-2019.2. The Board discussed but took no action on strategies for utilizing Retail Coach.
- 2-2019.3. No action was taken on a Business Assistance Loan and Grant Program.
- 2-2019.4. Ginny Sears motioned to approve the Retail Coach contract for one year at \$11,500 for project pricing and \$500 for expenses. Brad Bass seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

- 2-2019.5. No action was taken on the report from Gary Hoover and Mark McLaughlin on the Film Friendly Texas Workshop in Bastrop on February 19, 2019. Board did discuss possible ways to work with the City Council to help make Flatonia being a Film Friendly City.
- 2-2019.6. No action was taken on broadband internet availability and strategies on how to inform the businesses of availability of such in Flatonia as per recommendations of the committee. Bill Ingram, the project manager for SCT Broadband spoke about the fiber project that he was working on in Flatonia.
- 2-2019.7. Ginny Sears motioned to recommend to the Flatonia City Council that Larry Haas be appointed to serve the remaining term of Annie Pustejovsky beginning on February 21, 2019 and ending September 30, 2019. Gary Hoover seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 2-2019.8. No action was taken on how to best provide a blanket WiFi connection for the downtown area.
- 2-2019.9. Brad Bass motioned to authorize Flatonia Economic Development Corporation funds to allow Dennis Geesaman to attend the TEMPO meeting in March of 2019. Gary Hoover seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Signed

Approved this 21st day of March, 2019

Dennis Geesaman
President

Attest

Lenel Tamez
Secretary