

**Minutes**  
**Flatonia Economic Development Corporation**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 18, 2019**

**Present:**

**Board Members**

Dennis Geesaman  
Ginny Sears  
Ashley Beeman  
Lenel Tamez  
Gary Hoover  
Brad Bass  
Larry Haas

**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 5:30 p.m.

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

**Workshop – open at 5:32 p.m.**

WS4-2019.1 Discuss ideas from persons formerly involved with economic development activities with the City of Flatonia.

The Board discussed several people who might be interested in attending a workshop and sharing their experiences and ideas. The Board also discussed how to best conduct a workshop such as this. Board member Haas is going to invite some people that have approached him and there will be a sign-up sheet for others who are interested in speaking with the Board also.

Closed at 5:42 p.m.

**Reports**

**General Manager Report**

General Manager McLaughlin went over the list of properties for sale that he had compiled for the Board. He also spoke about the plans to make Flatonia a Film Friendly City. He further reported on the developments at Amigos regarding a Sonic. McLaughlin also gave information on a potential Splash Pad for Flatonia. Lastly, McLaughlin reported that a group would be coming to the May meeting to discuss multi-family housing.

**Consent Agenda**

Ginny Sears motioned to approve the consent agenda to include the minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting and the March 2019 Financial Report. Lenel Tamez seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Deliberation Agenda**

- 4-2019.1. No action was taken on adding or removing potential projects from the Projects List set forth in the attached Exhibit A and which the Corporation desires to undertake in the future.
- 4-2019.2. The Board discussed but took no action on strategies for utilizing Retail Coach.
- 4-2019.3. Lenel Tamez motioned to approve the institutions of a utility deposit loan program as presented. Gary Hoover seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.  
  
Gary Hoover motioned to recommend that the Flatonia City Council approve the program if required. Ginny Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 4-2019.4. No action was taken on sponsoring a local business owner to attend the Jon Schallert's Graduate Destination Boot Camp in Colorado.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.**

**Signed**

Approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019

Dennis Geesaman  
President

**Attest**

Lenel Tamez  
Secretary