



**Minutes**  
**Flatonia Economic Development Corporation**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 14, 2023**

**Present**

Ginny Sears, President  
Richard Niemann, Vice President  
Dennis Geesaman  
Randy Johnson  
Shirley Williams  
Sonya Bishop, City Manager  
Jacqueline Ott, City Secretary  
Jack Pavlas, Utility Director

**Absent**

Brad Bass  
Taylor Sweeney

**Opening Agenda**

Call to Order  
Invocation & Pledge

President Sears called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.  
Committee member Geesaman led the invocation and pledges.

**Presentation**

A phone conference was held with Cassius Rutherford from Tesla to discuss installing electric vehicle charging stations in downtown Flatonia. There was an open discussion regarding installation, system, and location requirements with citizen participation.

**Deliberation Agenda**

**DA9.1.2023.1**

Committee member Geesaman motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget. Committee member Johnson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**DA9.1.2023.2**

Committee member Johnson motioned to approve the Business Incentives Program Grant for \$1,010.42 to Hey Poppy. Committee member Williams seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**DA9.1.2023.3**

Vice President Niemann motioned to approve spending no more than \$1,000 on solar lights for the Historic District signs. Committee member Johnson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Discussion Agenda**

1. President Sears gave an update on the Grifaldo house. The house has been removed and moved to a residential neighborhood for renovation by the new owner.
2. Further discussion was had regarding the Tesla charging stations. The committee discussed finding a grant to fund the project. It was decided to add this item to the deliberation agenda at the next regular meeting.
3. The utility crew has begun working on the new driveway leading to McWhirter Park.
4. President Sears asked the committee to allow herself and Committee member Geesaman to attend the Texas Municipal League conference in Lost Pines on November 16-17, 2023. The conference focuses on Economic Development Corporation development. The committee agreed the EDC would pay the registration fees, and the attendees would commute daily to the conference.

**Workshop Agenda****WS9-2023.1**

Potential projects and opportunities to improve Economic Development for the City of Flatonia in accordance with the Bylaws of the Flatonia Economic Development Corporation and governed by Local Government Code, Chapter 501-Provisions Governing Development Corporations, and Chapter 505-Type B Corporations.

1. Construction of the restrooms at 7 Acre Park has begun.
2. Demolition of the Grifaldo house was completed, and no budgeted funds were used. This allows for the total amount to be used to construct the driveway for McWhirter Park.
3. After meeting with Befco to discuss converting the wastewater treatment facility to a mechanical plant, proceeding with this plan may not be feasible due to the cost versus need.
4. The backup generator for the wastewater treatment plant is being completed using grant funds.

**Reports**

YTD Financial Report of the Economic Development Corporation.

**Consent Agenda****C-1**

Vice President Niemann motioned to approve the August 17, 2023, EDC meeting minutes. Committee member Williams seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

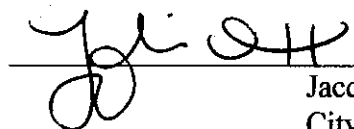
President Sears adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

**Signed**

  
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Ginny Sears  
President

Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023

**Attest**

  
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Jacqueline Ott  
City Secretary

