



**Minutes**  
**Flatonia Economic Development Corporation**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 15, 2024**

**Present**

President	Ginny Sears
Members	Dennis Geesaman Randy Johnson Shirley Williams Brad Bass
City Manager	Sonya Bishop
City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott

**Absent**

Vice President	Richard Niemann Taylor Swenning
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**Opening Agenda**

Call to Order      President Sears called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Invocation & Pledge      Committee member Bass led the invocation and pledges.

Citizen Participation      None

**Consent Agenda**

**C1.**      Committee member Bass moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 18, 2024. Committee member Williams seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion Agenda**

**D1.**      President Sears gave an activity report. She went over the new businesses coming in over the next few months. Hometown Pharmacy and Fayco Sport and Spine have requested a handicap ramp be installed on their section of the sidewalk since they have several elderly customers. City Manager Bishop will contact Covey at TxDOT to find out options. President Sears also mentioned she has had citizens complain about the walking path in McWhirter Park.

**D2.**      City Manager Bishop gave an update on projects. The old fire station has been demolished, and most debris has been removed. A citizen volunteered to pick up the remaining concrete. Committee member Geesaman has been in contact with Diego Grifaldo, who submitted a bid to construct the bathrooms at 7 Acre Park. Utility Director Pavlas will complete the

demolition of the existing structure and leave the rough in plumbing, which will lower the bid amount. City Manager Bishop wrote a formal contract, which Committee member Geesaman is reviewing. Once the details are finalized, the contract will be submitted to EDC for approval. President Sears suggested moving funds from the Railroad Crossing project to cover this project since the railroad project will not take place this fiscal year. More discussion will occur after the bathroom contract is in place and bids are received for the inspection, final plumbing, and electrical.

### **Deliberation Agenda**

**DA2.1.2024.1** Committee member Geesaman moved to approve the invoice from Leon's Plumbing for the 7 Acre Park bathroom project in the amount of \$5,000. Committee member Johnson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**DA2.1.2024.2** Committee member Bass moved to approve allocating funds to pay the difference in the CDBG grant project #CDV21-0342 for \$11,004.20. The project is to replace a water line. Committee member Williams seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**DA2.1.2024.3** Committee member Geesaman moved to approve removing item #7 from Exhibit A. Committee member Johnson seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report** President Sears gave a financial update. The \$90,000 CD was set up at Fayette Savings Bank. She again suggested moving \$20,000 from the Railroad Crossing project to the Restrooms at 7 Acre Park.

### **Workshop Agenda**

**WS02-2024.1** 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.

HOT funds will most likely cover item #3, but President Sears wants to hold off on removing the item from Exhibit A until a bid is received. The committee needs a final invoice from Utility Director Pavlas for the driveway construction at the old Grifaldo property.

**Adjournment** Committee member Geesaman moved to adjourn the meeting. Committee member Bass seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried. President Sears adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

**Signed**



Ginny Sears  
President

**Attest**



Jacqueline Ott  
City Secretary

