

Minutes
Flatonia Economic Development Corporation
Regular Meeting
June 20, 2024

Present

President	Ginny Sears
Vice President	Richard Niemann
Members	Shirley Williams Dennis Geesaman Taylor Swenning
City Manager	Sonya Bishop
City Secretary	Jacqueline Ott

Absent

Members	Randy Johnson Brad Bass
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Opening Agenda

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

Invocation & Pledge Vice President Niemann led the invocation and pledges.

Presentation Agenda

- P1.** Postmaster Michael McKim from the Flatonia Post Office presented information on installing cluster mailboxes for downtown businesses.
- P2.** Dennis Geesaman gave an update on the development of a CARTS/Amtrak depot located downtown. They recently received a grant to conduct an environmental study on the land owned by the City and leased by Flatonia Mobility.
- P3.** Leticia and Rick Valdez from Violet Plumbing introduced themselves and their business to the committee. They have purchased a building on Main Street which will house the offices of their commercial plumbing business. They also have a plumbing apprentice program for young people to learn the trade.

Discussion Agenda

- D1.** President Sears gave an activity report. Two new restaurants are opening, and the Stein building is under contract.
- D2.** President Sears gave the financial report.
- D3.** City Manager Bishop gave a project update. The gazebos have been repaired. The plumbing at the 7 Acre Park restroom project will begin next week.
- D4.** President Sears opened a discussion to amend the committee bylaws to allow committee member Geesaman to remain on the board. The by-laws currently state two of the seven committee members must also be City Council members. Once the council member's term expires, another council member must take their place.

Workshop Agenda

WS6.1.2024.1

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.

The committee reviewed the changes to Exhibit A and discussed moving funds from the railroad crossing project to the 7 Acre Park restroom project.

Consent Agenda

C1.

Committee member Swenning moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 16, 2024. Vice President Niemann seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Deliberation Agenda

DA6.1.2024.1

No action was taken to approve sending a survey to Main Street business owners about installing cluster mailboxes.

DA6.1.2024.2

Vice President Niemann motioned to approve amending Section 4.01 of the EDC bylaws in Paragraph 1, reducing the number of City Council members who can serve on EDC from two to one. Committee member Swenning seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

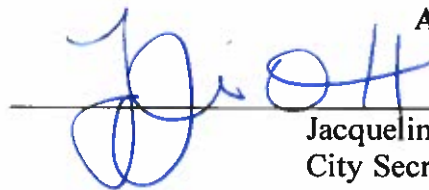
Committee member Swenning moved to adjourn the meeting. Committee member Williams seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried. President Sears adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Signed



Ginny Sears
President

Attest



Jacqueline Ott
City Secretary