

**EASTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC.
BOARD MEETING
November 13, 2023**

The Eastland Economic Development, Inc. Board of Directors met in the Commission Chambers at Eastland City Hall as scheduled, and notice was posted 72 hours in advance and prior to the meeting.

Members Present:

Board Member _____ Terry Slavens
Board Member _____ Mark Pipkin
Board Member _____ Carolyn White
Board Member _____ Matthew Crum

Members Absent:

Board Member _____ Vicki Bradley

Executive Director:

_____ Ryder Warren

City Staff Present:

City Manager _____ J.J. Oznick
City Secretary _____ Roma Holley

Guests: Donnie Cate, Tom Bailey

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mark Pipkin called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was offered by Terry Slavens and Matthew Crum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment on any Subject not Listed on this Agenda
(Limited to Five Minutes Per Speaker)

IV. Finance Report

Donald Cate presented the report with the normal income and expenditures. He also noted the sales tax shows to be 7.5% higher than last year.

Terry Slavens made a motion, seconded by Carolyn White, to approve the finance report as presented. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Crum, Slavens, White
Nays: None
Absent: Bradley

V. Approve Minutes of the October 16, 2023 meeting

Terry Slavens made a motion, seconded by Matthew Crum to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2023 meeting. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Crum, Slavens, White
Nays: None
Absent: Bradley

VI. The EEDI Board of Directors May Discuss and Take Action on the Following Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Executive Director's Contract (effective January 1, 2024)

Executive Session in Accordance with Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel)

Commence: 12:08 P.M.
Conclude: 12:32 P.M.

Matthew Crum made a motion, seconded by Carolyn White to rehire Tom Bailey as the Executive Director beginning January 1, 2024. His salary will be the same as when he was director in April 2023, with an adjustment for insurance.

2. Reorganize the EEDI Board Officers

Mark Pipkin stated that he had spoken to Vicki Bradley and she is agreeable to whatever is presented. The current officers are: Chairman: Vicki Bradley; Vice-Chairman: Mark Pipkin; Secretary: Carolyn White.

Terry Slavens made a motion, seconded by Carolyn White, to keep the same officers as present:

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Crum, Slavens, White
Nays: None
Absent: Bradley

3. Discussion and Possible Approval of Proposal for Road and Utility Work in Warner University Subdivision

Executive Director Ryder Warren stated that he, along with JJ. Oznick and Tom Bailey, met with Developer Nicholas Petroff and Eastland County Chief Appraiser Randy Clark as well as Enprotec Hibbs Todd Engineer, BJ Prichard. They met in order to discuss the order of how things would be accomplished and who is responsible for each item. They discussed hiring eHT

to complete the surveying and engineering services necessary. They perused the contract and discussed the details.

Terry Slavens made a motion, seconded by Carolyn White to approve the contract hiring eHT for the surveying and engineering work to be done in the Warner University Subdivision. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Crum, Slavens, White
Nays: None
Absent: Bradley

4. Discussion and Consideration of hiring an economic development consultant to help EEDI develop a vision for the city and a plan to accomplish it.

Matthew Crum spoke about this item. He stated he believes it would be beneficial to bring in an Economic Development Consultant to help develop a vision for the city and a plan to accomplish it. Discussion followed.

Carolyn White made a motion, seconded by Terry Slavens, to give permission to Matthew Crum to begin seeking information regarding the hiring of an Economic Development Consultant.

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Crum, Slavens, White
Nays: None
Absent: Bradley

VII. Executive Director’s Report – Discussion of Strategic Planning Process

Executive Director Ryder Warren stated that he had spoken with a representative from Troy Construction and they have asked to extend their lease in the Business Park through December. This will bring additional income to the EEDI.

VIII. Adjournment

Carolyn White made a motion, seconded by Matthew Crum to adjourn at 12:50 p.m. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Crum, Slavens, White
Nays: None
Absent: Bradley

Attest:

Approved:

Roma Holley, City Secretary

Mark Pipkin, Vice-Chairman
EEDI Board