

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF CENTER
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 31, 2020**

The City of Center Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors met in a Regular Session on Friday July 31, 2020, at 12:00 pm in the Conference Room at the Center City Hall. The meeting was open to the public and notice was properly posted.

Board Members Present: John Snider, David Chadwick, and Steve Waters

Others Present: Jim Gibson, EDC Director, and Chad Nehring, City Manager

Item I. Mr. Snider called the meeting to order at 12:26.

Item II. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 29, 2020. Mr. Waters made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Mr. Chadwick seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Item III. Other Business, Information or Items of Interest

The Board discussed the Board vacancy; no action was taken.

Mr. Gibson presented the Board a draft operational plan for when certain budgetary items can be completed throughout the upcoming fiscal year. No action was necessary for this item.

The Board was presented a request from the City for the execution of its commitment for payment on the airport CIP project. Following a general discussion, it was disclosed that the City has made all payments towards the project and that the City will continue to attempt to solicit donations, the Board felt it was appropriate to fulfill its commitment. Mr. Waters made the motion to proceed with the full \$25,000 pledge in FY 2021, Mr. Snider seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mr. Chadwick refrained from voting.

The Board was given an update on the Shelbyville St. water line project. Previously, the Board agreed to sponsor the project for an amount up to \$75,000 reimbursable to the City. The project is complete and Tyson is tied onto the line. Mr. Gibson informed the Board that the sponsorship has been executed and the City reimbursed.

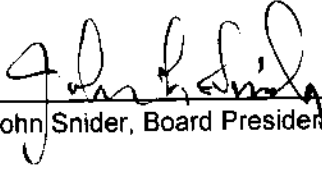
At the May meeting, the Board desired to immediately proceed with releasing the Broadband study RFP. Mr. Gibson presented the Board with a draft RFP document to be released to the market. Mr. Chadwick made the motion to release the RFP and Mr. Waters seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

An INNOVA grant application was made for 135 San Augustine Street. Mr. Snider made the motion to accept the grant, based on the recommendation from staff; Mr. Chadwick seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mr. Waters refrained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

In other business, the Board was informed that demolition had begun on the old County Hospital property. Mr. Gibson updated the Board on a visit to Panola College to discuss workforce development program plans. And, the Board had a general discussion on the SFA project.

The Board agreed to hold its next meeting in early September after the Broadband RFP proposals are due.

Item VI. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm.



John Snider, Board President

Attest:



David Chadwick, Secretary/Treasurer

