



## FARMERSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

6:00 P.M.  
July 27th, 2023

### MINUTES

#### I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Meeting called to order by Matt Crowder at 6:00 p.m.
- Roll call by Matt Crowder
- Present: Randy Rice, Matt Crowder, Jeff Sydney, and Elise Bobitt. Absent Zane Clay. Also present, Ben White, Terry Williams, City Liaison, Daphne Hamlin – Finance Director

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS (FOR NON-PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEM)

No one was present to speak.

#### III. CONSENT AGENDA

##### A. FEDC MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

- Motion to approve by Randy Rice
- Motion seconded by Jeff Sydney
- Motion Carried

##### B. FEDC FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE 2023

- No Discussion

#### IV. REGULAR AGENDA

##### A. DISCUSSION ON RESULTS FROM ATTORNEY REGARDING INTERIOR GRANT PROGRAM.

There was discussion about interior and facade grants. Mr. White addressed the board to answer questions about building code and fire suppression. Mr. Crowder would like to see the grant entice and help more businesses downtown. Mr. Crowder suggested for the next meeting board members bring their notes on the Facade/Interface grant and work on updating it. Mr. White suggested that they also use a consultant to get further valuable input. Mr. Rice suggested a motion to expand the facade grant to be a development grant at the next meeting. Mr. Crowder agreed and stated that he would like to get the product developed before going to the TIRZ board and City Council to get their support. Mr. Crowder would like to advertise the Facade Grant more; Mr. White suggested a half page flyer advertising the last facade grant available.

##### B. ITEMS FOR PAYMENT.

Residual charges from previous EDC Director, need to pay: \$968.72

**V. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

There was some discussion about the budget. Mr. White addressed the board, requesting some funds set aside for a Market Analysis of future business growth.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Convened into executive session: 7:06 p.m.

Discussion of Matters Permitted by the Texas Government Code:

**A. Section 551.071 and 551.074** - to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties of Executive Director for the Farmersville Economic Development Board.

**B. Section 551.087.** Deliberation regarding Economic Development negotiations: CLOSED MEETING. This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting.

(1) To discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations: or

(2) To deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1).

**VII. RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND DISCUSS/CONSIDER/ACT ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Reconvened at 7:58 p.m. There was no action to take, it was discussion only.

**REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

Finalize Budget  
Facade Grant Program – Interior  
Ben White to provide Feedback Marketing Analysis ideas for Economic Development  
Executive session  
EDC Director  
Potential opportunities for site visits  
Ideas for further Economic Development

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:01 p.m.**

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

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Randy Rice, Secretary

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Matt Crowder, Chairman