

## FARMERSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### MEETING MINUTES

August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

The Farmersville EDC met in special session on August 15th, 2012, at 12:00 p.m. at the City of Farmersville Council Chambers with the following members present: Robbie Tedford, Stefanie Hurst, Bob Collins, Kevin McGuire and Chris Lair. Staff members present were City Manager Ben White, City Accountant Daphne Hamlin and Mayor Joe Helmberger.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Robbie Tedford convened the meeting at 12:08 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present.

#### RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS/VISITORS

Guests recognized was City Manager Ben White, City Accountant Daphne Hamlin and Mayor Joe Helmberger.

#### PUBLIC HEARING; CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON EDC 4A PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET AND GOALS

Robbie Tedford opened the Public Hearing at 12:08 p.m. asking for anyone to speak for or against the proposed 2012-2013 budget and goals to speak now. With no comments Robbie Tedford entertained a motion to close public hearing. On a motion by Chris Lair and second by Bob Collins, the Board approved closing of the public hearing at 12:11p.m.

On a motion by Chris Lair and a second by Bob Collins, the Board approved the EDC 4A proposed 2012-2013 budget and goals. Motion carried unanimously.

#### RECEIVE REPORT ON STATUS OF STATE HIGHWAY 380 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FROM LAKE LAVON TO THE COLLIN/HUNT COUNTY LINE

Ben White updated the EDC 4A board on the progress of the Highway 380 Project. Phase II is complete and opened. Speed limit is currently at 55 m.p.h and has requested Police Chief Michael Sullivan to conduct a speed study.

Phase III there is still a few areas with the Railroad that needs attention, but construction date is set for September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Bob Collins asked if utility relocation is complete. Ben White stated City's relocation is complete but still see ATMOS working in the area.

#### UPDATE REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Robbie Tedford asked Ben White for an update on the comprehensive Plan. Ben White stated a meeting was held last month to formalize presentation to City Council in September. Ben White stated things are proceeding forward.

#### UPDATE REGARDING COLLIN COLLEGE

Robbie Tedford asked Bob Collins for an update on the Collin College. Bob Collins stated getting ready to work out an agreement with the City of Plano. As far as the City of Farmersville Campus nothing.

## CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS

Robbie Tedford asked if this is something EDC 4A Board wants pursue. Chris Lair asked if the City has the infrastructure to handle new growth. Chris Lair feels this is more important at this time.

Joe Helmberger mentioned the new sanitary system plan that is currently in place. The new sewer facility site is on a 10 acre tract with a potential capacity of 2.5 million, current capacity is .5 million.

Bob Collins stated he feels this is not the right time to pursue an EDC consultant. Bob Collins stated that EDC is not in a position to provide much assistance. What needs to happen is for EDC to purchase a piece of land to attract new business.

Stefanie Hurst stated she is willing to listen to what a consultant has to offer.

Kevin McGuire interested at looking at the cost involved in pursuing a consultant firm and what they could offer EDC.

Robbie Tedford feels the consensus of the EDC Board is not pursue a consultant at this time

## DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS

Robbie Tedford updated the EDC Board in regards to Gerdau. Gerdau is located on East Hwy 380 and has been approached by Irving and Midlothian in the possibility of relocation their business.

Ben White has spoken with Robbie Tedford about what incentives could EDC 4A Board provide to entice Gerdau to stay. Robbie Tedford said Gerdau is looking at doubling the size of their facility and brining in new employees.

Ben White stated that Gerdau wants to move some of their designers to the Farmersville Facility. This is a more technical trade.

Robbie Tedford stated not sure what Gerdau is requesting and asked for Ben White to approach Gerdau tomorrow.

Stefanie Hurst suggested EDC 4A Board approach Gerdau and not wait until they approach the EDC 4A Board. Kevin McGuire said that we need to find out who the decision makers are of Gerdau and findr out what is needed to insure we keep Gerdau in Farmersville.

Ben White said he will provide Gerdau with a packet of what programs are available thru the City by close of business tomorrow.

## RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EDC BOARD MEMBERS FOR BOARD MEETINGS OF COLLIN COLLEGE, NTMWD, COLLIN COUNTY AREA REALTORS AND COLLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

The Board's schedule of the meetings for members to volunteer as follows:

NTMWD – Stefanie Hurst

Collin College – Bob Collins – updates the EDC Board regarding the proposed theme of the Farmersville Campus and newly appointed board members

Commission's Court –

Collin Co Area Realtor Meeting – Robbie Tedford

The Board will continue to review the schedule on a monthly basis. No updates to provide to EDC 4A Board.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ITEMS FOR PAYMENT

On a motion by Stefanie Hurst and second by Kevin McGuire the Board approved the invoices listed for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR JULY 2012 AND REQUIRED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

On a motion by Bob Collins and a second by Stefanie Hurst, the Board approved the financials for July 2012, Motion carried unanimously.

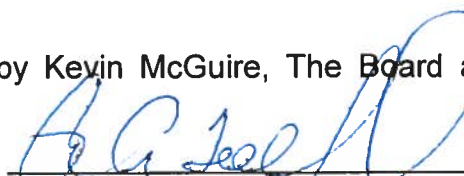
CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> AND JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 MEETINGS

On a motion by Chris Lair and a second by Stefanie Hurst, the Board approved the meeting minutes of the July 16<sup>TH</sup>, and July 18<sup>th</sup> 2012 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Bob Collins abstained

DISCUSSION IN CONTEMPLATION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Bob Collins and a second by Kevin McGuire, The Board adjourned at 1:14p.m.

  
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Robbie Tedford, President

ATTEST:

  
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Chris Lair, Secretary