



Minutes from February 18th , 2016 Board Meeting/Retreat
Meeting held at the University of Texas at Tyler, Palestine Campus
Palestine Economic Development Corporation

The Board of Directors of the Palestine Economic Development Corporation met on Thursday, February 18th, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the UT Tyler, Palestine Campus conference room.

Attending were the following:

Alan Herrington
Thomas Wright
Alan George
John Ballard McDonald
Larry Weber
Linda Dickens
Paul Morris

Others Present:

Tom Manskey, EDC Executive Director
Greg Laudadio, Asst. EDC Director
Mary Raum, Marketing/Tourism manager
Larry Pannell, Finance Director

MEETING – 8:00 A.M – Called to order at 8:02 A.M. by Larry Weber.

A. Call to Order

The Palestine Economic Development Corporation reserves the right to convene into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on this agenda as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development) to wit:

B. Citizen Input - None

C. Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of minutes from meeting on 1/21/2016 and 2/8/2016.**
- 2. Review and approve financial information from January 2016 meeting.**

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Paul Morris and seconded by John McDonald. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

D. President's Comments – None

E. Staff Reports – No Action Taken

1. EDC
2. Main Street
3. Tourism

F. Board Discussion and Action Items

1. Project Memories - No action taken.

G. Executive Session (Closed Session) – Retired at 8:15 a.m.

The Board will retire into executive session pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property and 551.087 (Deliberations regarding economic development). Additionally the Board, pursuant to Section 551.074 will deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties discipline, or dismissal of a city employee.

1. Discussion regarding project CallMeBaby.
2. Project Hot Pepper
3. Project Railhead

Reconvene in Open Session – Reconvened at 8:39 a.m.

H. Take Action From Executive Session

1. Discussion regarding project CallMeBaby.

Motion to support a finders fee (to be determined) for this project was made by Thomas Wright and seconded by Alan George. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

2. Project Hot Pepper

No Action Taken

3. Project Railhead

No Action Taken

I. Board Retreat - 9:00 a.m. – Discussions of Board Priorities and Timelines.

J. Lunch – 12:00 p.m.

K. Adjourn – 1:00 p.m.

Date Approved: 3/14/2016


Palestine Economic Development Board President, Larry Weber


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