

FARMERSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MINUTES

July 21st , 2010

The Farmersville Economic Development Corporation met in regular session on July 21st, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. at the City of Farmersville Best Center with the following members present: Joe Helmberger, Craig Overstreet, Eddy Daniel and Robbie Tedford. Council member present was Councilman Bobby Bishop. Staff members present were Interim Public Works Director Walter Ragsdale, and Finance Director Daphne Hamlin. Guests recognized were Brandon Sparkman and Barry Heard with Texas Department of Transportation.

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Helmberger convened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS/VISITORS

Guests recognized were Brandon Sparkman and Barry Heard with Texas Department of Transportation.

RECEIVE REPORT ON STATUS OF STATE HIGHWAY 380 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FROM LAKE LAVON TO THE COLLIN/HUNT COUNTY LINE. REPORT PRESENTED BY JOHN HUDSPETH, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT).

Brandon Sparkman and Barry Heard with the Texas Department of Transportation updated the 4A Board on the Highway 380 construction project. Brandon is taking charge of the Phase II and Phase III construction and also will finish Phase I.

Mr. Heard stated that Phase II has let to the same contractor as Phase I (Texas Sterling). Texas Sterling bid was 6% below the engineers estimate.

Mr. Heard also stated that the biggest issue in the last month is the Highway 380 / South Main Street bridge. Mr. Heard stated that the Highway 380 South Main Street bridge plans have been in place for approximately 10 years. TxDOT is still trying to figure out how the plans for the replacement bridge showing 2 lanes were approved when both the city and county thoroughfare plans clearly show a 4 lane roadway. Interim Public Works Director Walter Ragsdale met earlier in the month with Texas Department of Transportation in regard to the bridge design. Mr. Ragsdale stated that revising the design of the bridge at this time could cost the City approximately \$800,000 to \$1,000,000.

According to Barry Heard the City would have to come up with the money to revise the design. Joe Helmberger stated the next step would to be contact County Commissioner Joe Jaynes regarding additional monies for the wider bridge. Walter Ragsdale stated a meeting is already scheduled.

Joe Helmberger suggested the possibility that the EDC would fund the engineering cost on the re-design of bridge. Barry Heard stated that the ramps, retaining walls would all need to be re-designed as well.

Walter Ragsdale asked that since this project was funded by RTR and the bids came in under estimate could the funds be used for the re-design of the Highway 380 South Main Street Bridge. Barry stated some off those funds will be used on other projects.

Eddy Daniel stated that a good argument for funding would be the purposed school south of town and the City's lake located south of town. The South Main Street Bridge is a major tie to that end of town.

Barry Heard stated if the bridge design is changed that it may impact the letting of the project.

Walter Ragsdale stated if we do not changed design now it will never happen.

Barry Heard said best way to go is design a 3 lanes now with adding in the future.

Eddy Daniel said at least 3 lanes minimum with adding in the future

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AVAILABLE FORM LINER OPTIONS FOR THE US HIGHWAY 380/ SOUTH MAIN STREET BRIDGE AND THE US 380/SH78 BRIDGE. PREPARE A RECOMMENDATION TO PRESENT TO CITY COUNCIL.

This item was discussed during the update on the status of State Highway 380 reconstruction project.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF AN ENGINEERING STUDY RELATED TO THE US HIGHWAY 380 HIGHWAY EXPANSION.

This item was discussed during the update on the status of State Highway 380 reconstruction project.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TAX INCREMENT REFINANCE ZONE

City Manager, John Moran was not available to discuss this item. Interim Public Works Director Walter Ragsdale asked to table this item until Mr. Moran was available to deliver a report.

Joe Helmberger asked the board if the wanted to proceed with this project. Eddy Daniel stated that both the County and College are not interested and you need to have all 3 taxing entities involved to make this work.

Item was tabled with no action.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION FOR FARMERSVILLE MARKETPLACE.

No action

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FACADE GRANT PROGRAM SPONSORED BY FARMERSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 4A

No action

REVIEW AND SET THE 2010-2011 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET AND GOALS

4A Board discussed and reviewed the 2010 budget and goals. Changes are made and will be brought to the board in August for approval.

DISCUSS AND APPOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEMBERS FOR BOARD MEETINGS OF COLLIN COLLEGE, NTMWD, COLLIN COUNTY AREA REALTORS AND THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT

The Board composed a schedule of the meetings for members to volunteer as follows:

NTMWD – Joe Helmberger

Collin College – Craig Overstreet

Commission's Court – Eddy Daniel

Collin Co Area Realtor Meeting – Robbie Tedford

The Board will continue to review the schedule on a monthly basis.

ITEMS FOR PAYMENT APPROVED

Lunch, Tony's \$86.26

Motion made by Eddy Daniel to approve invoice as listed for payment, second by Robbie Tedford. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF June 2010

On a motion by Craig Overstreet and a second by Eddy Daniel, to approve financial for June 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 16TH, 2010

On a motion by Robbie Tedford and a second by Craig Overstreet, the Board approved the meeting minutes of June 16th, 2010 as read. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION IN CONTEMPLATION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Robbie Tedford to adjourn meeting @1:15 p.m., second by Craig Overstreet, all in favor

Joe Helmberger, President

ATTEST:

Stefanie Hurst, Secretary