

FARMERSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MINUTES

January 20th, 2010

The Farmersville Economic Development Corporation met in regular session on January 20th, 2010 at 12:10 p.m. at the City of Farmersville Best Center with the following members present: Joe Helmberger, Craig Overstreet, Stefanie Hurst, Robbie Tedford, and Eddy Daniel. Staff members present were City Manager John Moran, Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf and Finance Director Daphne Hamlin. Special guest also recognized was John Hudspeth, with the 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

Mr. John Hudspeth, with the Texas Department of Transportation

RECEIVE REPORT ON STATUS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY 380
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Prior to Mr. Hudspeth's presentation, Mr. Helmberger offered that the monthly updates concerning the widening of SH 380 by TxDOT to the Board were informational updates only. 4A's involvement in the widening project was never intended to replace the City of Farmersville's involvement. The Board understands the importance of the widening project and until the widening of all three phases of the project is complete, the Board will continue to receive monthly updates.

Mr. Hudspeth addressed the board on the status of Highway 380 project.

Mr. Hudspeth also spoke of the US Highway 380/Main Street bridge accident on December 24th, 2009. TxDOT is in contact with the insurance company of the truck driver whose load hit the bridge. TxDOT will repair the Main Street Bridge instead of waiting on new construction. Estimated cost of the repair work is \$150,000.00

City Manager John Moran asked Mr. Hudspeth if it would be possible to have warning signs on the height of the bridge installed. Mr Hudspeth stated it would not be feasible and it is the driver's responsibility to check for bridge heights.

As for the SH 380 reconstruction project through Farmersville:

Phase I (Lake Lavon to Hamilton Street) is currently under construction.

As was mentioned months earlier the first phase of the Phase I project was to be overlaying the existing pavement. This phase of the work is behind schedule because of the wet weather and because the mix design issues.

All right of way for Phase III is purchased. TxDOT is still negotiating on the Phase II right of way acquisition. A few right of way parcels are still needed for Phase II. Mr. Hudspeth estimates that TxDOT will have all of right of way purchased by March or April 2010. Next step will be the utility relocation.

Phase II plans are 95% complete.

Regarding Phase III of the Highway 380 project (South Hamilton to Floyd Street) the Main Street Bridge construction includes sidewalks. The Board asked about the façade design for the Main Street Bridge. It was suggested that this bridge could become a signature bridge and be used to advertise the heritage of the City. Mr. Hudspeth said that the plans are already done and it could be difficult to change. He stated that he would check on what could be done regarding revisions to the façade of the bridge.

DISCUSSION ON THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUEST TO BE A \$1,000.00 LEVEL SPONSOR OF THE 2010 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET.

Motion made by Robbie Tedford to be a \$1,000.00 level sponsor of the 2010 Farmersville Chamber of Commerce Banquet, second by Eddy Daniel, all in favor.

RECEIVE MARKETING UPDATE FROM MAIN STREET MANAGER

Main Street Manager, Adah Leah Wolf update to board on the following:

1. Billboard Drawing and location update.
2. Contacted TxDOT's Cynthia White on press release for US Highway 380 construction.
3. Chad Engbrock celebrating 125 year anniversary (Farmersville Times) March 19th 1885.
4. County is holding a free H1N1 vaccine on February 6, 2010
5. Traffic count study is on the website
6. Adah Leah Wolf was also nominated 21 for Century 21.

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

1 Lunch, Dairy Queen, \$61.80

Motion made by Stefanie Hurst to approve invoices as listed for payment, second by Craig Overstreet, all in favor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF NOVEMBER 2009 AND DECEMBER 2009

On a motion by Stefanie Hurst to accept financials and a second by Eddy Daniel, the financials for December 2009 were approved. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16TH, 2009

On a motion by Robbie Tedford and a second by Stefanie Hurst, the Board approved the meeting minutes of December 16th, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION IN CONTEMPLATION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDA

Action item concerning the façade of the US 380/Main Street bridge.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Joe Helmberger, President

ATTEST:

Stefanie Hurst, Secretary