

FARMERSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MINUTES

August 18th, 2010

The Farmersville Economic Development Corporation met in regular session on August 18th, 2010 at 12:05 p.m. at the City of Farmersville Best Center with the following members present: Joe Helmberger, Stefanie Hurst, Craig Overstreet, Eddy Daniel and Robbie Tedford. Staff members present were City Manager John Moran, Interim Public Works Director Walter Ragsdale, and Finance Director Daphne Hamlin. Guests attending were Brandon Sparkman and Barry Heard with Texas Department of Transportation and Chris Lair with the Farmersville Chamber of Commerce.

CALL TO ORDER

Joe Helmberger convened the meeting at 12:05 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS/VISITORS

Guests recognized include Brandon Sparkman and Barry Heard with the Texas Department of Transportation and Chris Lair of the Farmersville Chamber of Commerce.

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.

Mr. Heard stated that Phase I is on schedule with concrete being poured and he suggested that we might be driving on new pavement by the time we meet next month.

Mr. Heard also spoke about the Green Ribbon Program. The Green Ribbon Program is a federal grant program available for landscaping improvements in TxDOT rights-of-ways and money could be available for the US 380 project. He stated that it is a two (2) year process and that if we started the process now the landscaping improvements could be approved and the money available when the construction is complete. Mr. Heard promised to bring details on the program to the next meeting.

Mr. Heard stated that utility relocation has begun on Phase III of the Highway 380 project. Mr. Heard also stated all 3 phases should be completed by early 2013.

Mr. Helmberger asked when demolition will begin on the house located on corner of South Main Street Bridge and Highway 380. Mr. Heard stated demolition is scheduled for next week.

Mr. Heard asked the 4A Board if we had a contract finalized with AECOM on the Highway 380 and South Main Street bridge redesign. Walter Ragsdale stated we have but not signed and needs a little enhancing and price has been negotiated.

A brief discussion was held regarding the damage to the pipe fence at Tedford Chevrolet and Mr. Heard stated that he would contact the contractor and get the fence repaired.

As for Phase II Mr. Heard reported that the agreement with Kansas City Southern has been finalized and sent to Austin for formal approval.

#### RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING SOUTH MAIN STREET BRIDGE RE-DESIGN

City Manager John Moran addressed the 4A board in regards to the South Main Street bridge re-design. Mr. Moran stated City Council gave him the authority for him to sign on the re-design and engineering for the project. Mr. Moran reported that the contract amount has been formalized but that some minor issues remain with the verbiage but that they will be ironed out and the contract formalized prior to next month's meeting.

#### RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING SOUTH MAIN STREET BRIDGE AESTHETICS (FORM LINER TYPE)

Mr. Heard stated the form-liner for the South Main Street bridge is a brick type that will tie into our downtown area. Mr. Helmberger asked Mr Ragsdale to bring before Council the form-liner for formal approval by the City Council. Mr. Daniel suggested that the 4A Board make a recommendation to City Council.

The Board also discussed the possibility of having the name "Farmersville" on one side of the South Main Street bridge and the name "Texas" on the other side. Mr Heard asked the 4A Board to bring a picture of what we would like to see. Mr. Heard stated there still is plenty of time to narrow down details on bridge.

#### RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING EAST COLLIN COUNTY REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

City Manager John Moran addressed the 4A Board on the East Collin County WWTP. Mr. Moran stated that he believes the East Collin County WWTP proposed funding is more debt that the City can take on. Mr Moran stated he is currently looking for what options are available to help fund this project.

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

City Manager John Moran addressed the 4A Board on the Tax Increment Refinance Zone. Mr. Moran stated he thinks we should pursue a TIF but the other taxing entities involved are hesitant to make it work. Mr. Moran reported that the City of McKinney is attempting to get a TIF approved and suggested we wait and see if McKinney can fight the battle for us.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

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

City Manager John Moran did not have any specifics yet. Mr. Moran will prepare a draft copy of the agreement for the next meeting.

4A Board will amend budget for facade grant program when more details emerge.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

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

4A Board reviewed the 2010-2011 Budget and Goals.

On a Motion from Craig Overstreet \$50,000 was added for the Facade Grant Program raising the Development portion of the budget to a total of \$485,000 and second by Robbie Tedford as amended, all in favor.

On a motion by Eddy Daniel to approve the 2010-2011 Goals as set, second by Stefanie Hurst, all in favor.

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 County Area Realtor Meeting – Robbie Tedford

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

ITEMS FOR PAYMENT APPROVED

Lunch, Victors Italian Restaurant, \$75.00

Motion made by Craig Overstreet to approve invoice as listed for payment, second by Stefanie Hurst. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF July 2010

On a motion by Robbie Tedford and a second by Eddy Daniel, to approve financial for July 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 21ST, 2010

On a motion by Robbie Tedford and a second by Eddy Daniel, the Board approved the meeting minutes July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 as read. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION IN CONTEMPLATION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDA

- Certificates of Deposit bids, Facade Program, NCCLP

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Robbie Tedford to adjourn meeting @1:00 p.m., second by Stefanie Hurst, all in favor

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Joe Helmberger, President

ATTEST:

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Stefanie Hurst, Secretary