

**FARMERSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD (4B)**  
**MINUTES** May 12, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

The Farmersville Community Development Corporation Board met on April 14, 2014 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. President Leaca Caspari convened the meeting at 5:45 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present after roll call. The following board members were present: Leaca Caspari, Donna Williams, Paul Kelly, Dick Seward, and Barbara Stooksberry. President Caspari welcomed Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf, and guests City Manager Ben White, Mayor Joe Helmberger, and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Foy.

**CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL APRIL 14, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

Paul Kelly motioned to accept the April 14, 2014 minutes as written, with Donna Williams seconding the motion, which passed the full Board.

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ITEMS FOR PAYMENT**

Paul Kelly motioned to accept the checks as presented for payment, with Donna Williams seconding the motion, which passed the full Board.

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR APRIL 2014 AND ANY REQUIRED BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Paul Kelly motioned to accept the Financial Statements for April as presented, with Donna Williams seconding the motion, which passed the full Board. City staff will check on reason for tax revenue fluctuation.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER DAVID KETCHER**

Paul Kelly motioned to accept the letter of resignation from David Ketcher; Donna Williams seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET**

Grant requests have been received for the following budget items:

- Main Street Program support: \$70,000
- Bleachers: \$3,700 per unit
- Live screening near Rambler Park/Splash pad: Ben White to obtain estimate
- Matching grant for Chaparral Trail Phase III Project: \$60,000
- Christmas Decorations: \$5,000
- Flagpoles at entrance of Farmersville Parkway: \$15,000
- Sparks of Freedom fireworks: \$5,000
- Herb Ellis Jazz Festival: \$9,000
- Farmersville Historical Society roof repairs: \$5,000
- Onion Shed roof rehab and foundation repair: \$8,200
- Marketing Program: \$15,000

In addition, Chairman Caspari recommended the continuation of these budget line items in these amounts:

- Miscellaneous: \$3,000
- Accounting services : \$1,000

- Collin College Scholarship sponsorship \$2,500
- Chamber of Commerce sponsorship: \$5,000
- May Building Taxes: 1,000
- Land Purchase: \$20,000
- National Register District Project: \$4,000

Another request may be presented by Jim Foy for park lighting at next month's board meeting.

There was discussion as to whether the Parks Board could pay for some of the requested parks related items. Ben White indicated that the flagpoles project could be delayed another year. Paul Kelly suggested implementing the flagpole project in phases, such as pad preparation and lighting. Barbara Stooksberry suggested that the city add lighting to the flagpoles already in place before expanding the number of flagpoles (they all need lighting except for the downtown location).

Paul Kelly suggested the board consider a budget amendment to purchase 2 additional bleachers for the Spain Athletic Complex, and then budget for 2 more in next fiscal year. That would complete the bleachers needed for that location, and would alleviate a potential safety issue. It is possible that other donations may be tapped for the bleachers as well.

Ben White said that the Onion shed surveillance has worked very well.

Leaca Caspari noted that at the beginning of the fiscal year the board began with \$120,000; according to cash flow projections we could end this fiscal year with \$190,000.

#### **MONTHLY MAIN STREET PROGRAM UPDATE—ADAH LEAH WOLF**

Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf provided a written monthly report for April and highlighted the following: Planning for the Herb Ellis festival is in full swing. Farmersville Heritage Museum has received its nonprofit status from the IRS. The City Council named May as National Preservation Month. Clara and Austin Hill were recognized at this year's Collin County Historical Commission preservation awards event, for the renovations they completed on their building façade. The Audie Murphy Day committee will be mailing to 400 veterans soon, as well as mailing 250 sponsorship letters. Termites swarmed at 107 S. Main, spreading to neighboring buildings. This month's downtown merchants get together will be held at *Fancy Fibers*. *Almost New* will be relocating to 106 McKinney Street. A volunteer crew planted flowers downtown on Saturday.

#### **CITY MANAGER REPORT—BEN WHITE**

The City Manager provided a written report and highlighted the following: The new sign at the Splash Pad is complete; the old rules and parks & wildlife signs will be removed. The dead live oak downtown needs replacing. The Gazebo needs to be moved. TXDOT has done a traffic study indicating the need for a light at Hwy 78 and McKinney Street. The city plans to apply for another Collin County Open Space grant in FY 2016. Farmersville Electric is now staffed and running.

#### **DISCUSSION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

Budget planning for next fiscal year will continue. Board to discuss possible budget amendment for bleachers. The next meeting will be on June 9.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Caspari adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Signatures:

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Leaca Caspari, President

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Barbara Stooksberry, Secretary