

FARMERSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MEETING MINUTES
May 15th, 2014

The Farmersville EDC met in regular session on May 15th, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers with the following members present: Bob Collins, Chris Lair, Kris Washam, Robbie Tedford and Kevin Meguire. Staff members present were City Manager Ben White, and City Accountant Daphne Hamlin.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Collins convened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS/VISITORS

No Special guest recognized.

RECEIVE REPORT ON STATUS OF STATE HIGHWAY 380 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FROM LAKE LAVON TO THE COLLIN/HUNT COUNTY LINE

City Manager Ben White updated the EDC 4A board on the progress of the Highway 380 Project. Mr. White stated work on west bound traffic lane is going well. The Railroad track bed foundation for the passing track on Locust/Walnut and Hill/Summit and Main Street was pushed back to June 2014. Mr. White stated that the electric lines need to be relocated on Hill Street Railroad Crossing. Cost of utility re-location will be approximately 70k. Kansas City Railroad will reimburse the City of Farmersville for the expense. Mr. Collins asked Mr. White for the completion date of construction. Mr. White stated construction is scheduled for completion in 2015 the main obstacles are the Railroad Bridges.

UPDATE REGARDING COLLIN COLLEGE

Mr. Collins updated to EDC 4A board on the Collin College Farmersville Campus. Mr. Collins said a retreat is scheduled for June 2014 and both Celina and Farmersville are on the agenda for discussion.

UPDATE REGARDING ELECTRICAL SYSTEM ACQUISITION.

Mr. White updated the 4A EDC Board in regards to the Electrical System Acquisition. Mr. White said crews are working on replacing utility poles along Maple Street with new fiberglass poles. Mr. White said that the new fiberglass poles will be the standard in Farmersville. Mr. White said the biggest obstacle at this time is setting up the billing system and on-line billing. Mr. White stated that with the new billing system the City of Farmersville will no longer issue late notices.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW LETTER RECEIVED BY DOUG AND LORI LAUBE ON REQUEST TO EXTEND FAÇADE GRANT COMPLETION DATE.

On a motion by Mr. Tedford and a second by Mr. McGuire, the Board approved the (6) six month extension request from Doug and Lori Laube. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR DEFINING AND DESIGNATING THE TOWNE CENTRE ZONE AND ACCOMPLISHING THE CORRESPONDING MASTER PLAN

Mr. Collins suggested to discuss budgeting for this item, but needs to go before City Council for commitment. Mr. Collins asked Mr. White if it needs to go before Planning and Zoning or City Council first. Mr. White stated City Council would be the first step. Mrs. Washam asked what is required to be brought before City Council. Mr. White stated a concept plan, zoning changes, etc. Mr. White offered to help prepare plans to go before City Council.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION STRATEGY BY THE EDC 4A BOARD

Mr. Collins felt it was an appropriate time for the 4A EDC Board to look at the possibility of acquiring property. Mr. Collins felt it would provide an incentive to prospective Businesses to want to relocate to Farmersville. Mr. Collins felt as though this would be a good item to discuss during the Budget process. Mr. McGuire added this is something to pursue and feels like it would attract business owner's interest to relocate.

Mr. Tedford said his main concern and first priority is the Sewer System. Mr. Collins agreed and asked that this item be an addition to the budget. Mr. Collins recommended to postpone this item for now and to bring back in the future for further review.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A WORK-SESSION ON REVIEW THE CURRENT LAW AND REGULATIONS FOR THE 4A EDC BOARD.

Mr. Collins concern is that all board members need an understanding of what can be accomplished in regards to investments by the 4A EDC Board. Ms. Hamlin passed out literature in regards to Economic Development Boards written by the Attorney General of Texas office. Mr. Collins asked if Ms. Hamlin would contact the Brown and Hoffmeister firm to set up a meeting on the laws surrounding the 4A EDC Board.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW CURRENT 2013-2014 BUDGET AND GOALS AND PROPOSED 2014-201R BUDGET AND GOALS

Mr. Collins asked due to time restraints that this time be moved to the next regular scheduled meeting.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2014, AND REQUIRED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

On a motion by Mr. Tedford and a second by Mr. McGuire, the Board approved the financial statements for March 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Mrs. Washam and a second by Mr. Tedford, the Board approved the financial statements for April 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

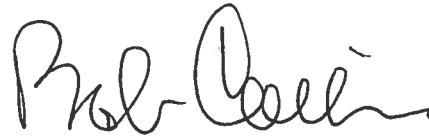
CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20TH, 2014 MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Tedford and a second by Mrs. Washam, the Board approved the meeting minutes of the March 20th, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON CONTEMPLATION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDA


ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. McGuire and a second by Mrs. Washam, the Board adjourned at 8:35p.m.



Bob Collins, President

ATTEST:


Kris Washam, Secretary