

EASTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC.
BOARD MEETING
August 10, 2020

The Eastland Economic Development, Inc. Board of Directors met in the Commission Chambers at Eastland City Hall as scheduled, and notice was posted 72 hours in advance and prior to the meeting.

Members Present:

Board Member _____	Mark Pipkin
Board Member _____	Carolyn White
Board Member _____	James Doyle
Board Member _____	Jason Cochran
Executive Director _____	Tom Bailey

Members Absent:

Board Member _____	Vicki Bradley
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City Staff Present:

City Manager _____	Ron Duncan
Planning Director _____	Tony Stubblefield
City Secretary _____	Roma Holley

Guests: Emily Rogers, Ted Matthews

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mark Pipkin called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was offered by Jason Cochran and Carolyn White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Finance Report

Executive Director Tom Bailey reviewed the income and expense report for the month of June and July in lieu of Donald Cate, who was absent. He noted no unusual expenditures or income for the months. Operating expenses are within normal bounds.

Jason Cochran made a motion, seconded by James Doyle, to approve the finance report as presented. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Cochran, Doyle, White

Nays: None

Absent: Bradley

IV. Approve Minutes of the June 8, 2020 and June 29, 2020 Meetings.

James Doyle made a motion, seconded by Jason Cochran, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Cochran, Doyle, White
Nays: None
Absent: Bradley

V. Public Comment on any subject not Listed on this Agenda
(Limited to Five Minutes Per Speaker)

There were no comments.

VI. Hear update on the Ranger College LVN Program in Eastland.

Tom Bailey introduced Emily Rogers of Eastland Memorial Hospital who had a slide presentation for the board. She showed the board the updates that have been made to the existing building. She stated the tentative start date is August 24, 2020 and they have 14 students. She also said that while this is an LVN program, they are looking to extend the training to include an RN program in the future. There is a nationwide shortage of nurses and the goal is to train local residents in hopes of putting them to work locally upon completion of the program. Ms. Rogers also presented quick updates on the Woodlands Nursing Home and also the Rural Healthcare Clinic.

Ted Matthews also spoke and stated that they have hired an instructor for the LVN program. He spoke about some of the specifics of the Rural Healthcare Clinic staffing. He stated that the RHC will also feature Telemedicine which will be a great bonus when dealing with the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mr. Matthews thanked both the EEDI and the City of Eastland for all of their support.

VII. The EEDI Board of Directors may Discuss and Take Action on the Following Agenda Items:

1. Discuss and Consider Real Estate Purchase

Jason Cochran made a motion, seconded by Carolyn White, that we do our due diligence with all parties involved regarding the purchase of property located at 409 Old HWY 80/ County Road 456, Olden, Texas 76466 and authorize Tom Bailey to submit a bid not to exceed \$100,000. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Cochran, Doyle, White
Nays:
Absent: Bradley

2. Discuss and Consider Office Lease Options.

No Action was taken.

VIII. Executive Session in Accordance with Texas Government Code §551.072, Deliberations About Real Property

The board entered into Executive Session in Accordance with Texas Government Code §551.072, Deliberations About Real Property at 12:22 p.m. and exited at 12:57 p.m.

IX. Executive Director's Report – Update on projects and activities

Director Bailey gave very brief updates on several ongoing projects:

Red Star Property: The plumbing is in and the foundation has been laid. This project is well on its way towards completion.

Woodlands Nursing Home: University Drive has been started. The concrete entrance apron along with curb and gutters has been completed and the street is due for paving soon.

Maverick Town Homes: A groundbreaking ceremony was held on July 30, 2020 and the project is moving quickly.

X. Adjournment

Carolyn White made a motion, seconded by James Doyle to adjourn at 1:05 p.m. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Cochran, Doyle, White,

Nays: None

Absent: Bradley

Approved:

Mark Pipkin, Co-Chairman
EEDI Board

Attest:

Roma Holley, City Secretary