

**EASTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC.**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**February 14, 2022**

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 _____	Vicki Bradley (arr 12:10)
Board Member _____	Mark Pipkin
Board Member _____	Jason Cochran
Board Member _____	Carolyn White
Board Member _____	James Doyle

Executive Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Bailey

City Staff Present:

City Secretary _____	Roma Holley
City Manager _____	J. J. Oznick

Guests: Donald Cate, Laura Hobbs

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mark Pipkin called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was offered by Jason Cochran and James Doyle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Finance Report

Donald Cate discussed the finance report and reviewed the income and expense reports for the month of January 2022. He stated that the Sales tax is still on the rise. 18%. Higher than January 2021.

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 January 10, 2022 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)

Vicki Bradley arrived at this time and Laura Hobbs thanked the Board for all of their efforts to promote Eastland. She took a photo of the EEDI Board Members with a banner denoting “Business of the Month” from the Eastland Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Hobbs also provided lunch for the board members.

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

1. Discuss and Consider filling an unexpired term on the EEDI Board of Directors

Executive Session in accordance with Sec. 551.074;  
Deliberation Regarding officers or employees

Commencement: 12:27 p.m.

Conclusion: 12:39 p.m.

Action taken: Mark Pipkin made a motion, seconded by Carolyn White, to recommend the appointment of Terry Slavens to complete the unexpired term left by Jason Cochran, who has taken another position and will be moving. This recommendation will be made to the Eastland City Commission at their next meeting, February 22, 2022. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

2. Discuss and Consider Prospective Business Opportunities

Executive Session in accordance with Sec. 551.087;  
Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations

Commencement: 12:39 p.m.

Conclusion: 12:50 p.m.

No Action taken.

### 3. Discuss and Consider Real Estate

Executive Session in accordance with Sec. 551.072; Deliberations about Real Property

Commencement: 12:50 p.m.

Conclusion: 1:04 p.m.

No Action taken.

VIII. Executive Director's Report – Update on U.S. Sand & Gravel, Bartee Metals, Mira Enterprises, and others.

Executive Director Tom Bailey informed the board that even though these are not EEDI projects, it is of interest to note that more businesses are set to open soon. "Rugged Earth" will soon be opening next to Burkes; Tractor Supply is nearing completion of their new building and may possibly be opening sometime in April; Bear Creek Taphouse will be opening this coming Thursday in downtown Eastland. All of these businesses will benefit Eastland and draw more people and businesses to the area.

Mark Pipkin spoke for a few minutes about lighting for the roofs of the buildings in the downtown square area as a way to help revitalize it. He stated that this project has been talked about in the past but it was never pursued because no one wanted to take on the chore of getting it all put together. He stated that he just wanted to put it before the board to try to get out in the open.

### IX. Adjournment

Carolyn White made a motion, seconded by Jason Cochran to adjourn at 1:09 p.m. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Cochran, Doyle, Pipkin White

Nays: None

Absent: None

Approved:

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Vicki Bradley - Chairman  
EEDI Board

Attest:

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Roma Holley, City Secretary