

Hon. Hon. Matthew Wright Hon. Jerry Barker, Vice-Chair Alfred Solano,Secretary/Treasurer Russell Devorsky, President

# THE HEART OF TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

# Meeting Minute April 22, 2021

**The Heart of Texas Economic Development District, Inc., Board of Directors** will meet on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 1p.m. or immediately after the Heart of Texas Council of Governments meeting, virtually, by computer or phone through the Heart of Texas Council of Governments at 1514 South New Rd. Waco, Texas 76711. As approved by the Texas Attorney General.

### **Members Present:**

Alfred Solano	Art Mann
Charles Eaton	Cindy Vanlandingham
Damaris Neelley	David Davis
Dick Van Dyke	Ignacio Vazquez
Jay Elliott	Jerry Barker
Justin Lewis	Linda Grant
Mathew Wright	Randy Riggs
Ray O'Docharty	Robert Hawkins
Scott Felton	

#### **Staff Present:**

Russell Devorsky Dorthy Jackson John Minnix

## I. <u>Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum</u>

At 1:07 p.m. Chair Matthew Wright called the meeting to order and asked if quorum had been met. Dorthy Jackson responded that quorum had been met.

## II. Acknowledgment of Notice Giving Public Access to Meeting

Matthew Wright asked if proper notice had been given and Dorthy Jackson responded that proper notice had been given.

#### III. <u>Introduction of Guests and Public Comment(s)</u> No Guests

## IV. Chair Report

Matthew Wright and Russell Devorsky presented an award to Robert Hawkins for his many years of service. Mr. Hawkins is the longest serving board member in history. He has been serving for over 5 decades.

## V. <u>Presentation</u>

Stacey Webb, Economic Development Representative-Oklahoma & North Central Texas, on Economic Development Administration (EDA) gave a presentation which notified our region of an estimated 3 billion supplemental funding from the American Rescue Plan Act available to us. All awards will have a 80/20 match requirement. There will be an upcoming webinar on the

Dorthy Jackson, Regional & Economic Development Manager 1514 S. New Road, Waco TX 76711

Falen Bohannon, Environmental Planner 254-292-1800 Fax 254-756-0102 rollout of this project.

Dorthy Jackson gave a presentation about the newly formed HOTCOG/HOTEDD Website. She showed the board members how to navigate the site and how to find pertinent information throughout it.

### VII. Consideration and/or Action on the Following

- Approval of CEDS 2020-2025
  Judge Lewis made a motion at approve the presented CEDS 2020-2025 document. Judge Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Approval of the Revolving Loan Staff Billing Policy Annual Review/Amendment Jerry Barker made a motion to approve the Revolving Loan Staff Billing Policy Annual Review/Amendment. Judge Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- January 28, 2021 minutes Robert Hawkins made a motion to approve the January 28, 2021 minutes. Judge Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## VIII. <u>President and Staff Reports</u>

• Presidents Report

Russell Devorsky gave the presidents report. He spoke about the parking lot getting restriped and that the board gave their vote of confidence to get it done properly.

- Financial Report John Minnix gave the financial report.
- o Staff Report

Dorthy Jackson gave the staff report. She discussed that all loans are current. She touched on how the TSCT project is going and EDA disaster funds in response to Covid. Both the Bellmead and Hillsboro projects are complete.

Matthew Wright, Chair