

**LLANO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING
March 27, 2023**

OPEN MEETING

1. Call to Order
 - a. Allen Hopson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with the following members present: Hatch Smith, Pat McDowell, Josh Mayfield, Marion Bishop, and Marianne Fraser.
 - b. Eric Schuessler was absent.
 - c. Also in attendance were: City Administrator Marty Mangum, Alderman Wayne DeCesaris, Robert Mims, Ken Cline, and Faye Crider.
2. Public Comments
 - a. No public comments.
3. Discuss and Consider - Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2023
 - a. Motion was made by Hatch Smith and seconded by Pat McDowell to approve the minutes as corrected.
 - b. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Presentation – Robert Mims, Llano County Liaison Office Texas Division of Emergency Management, on the April 8, 2024 Texas Eclipse
 - a. Mr. Mims presented a program on the 2024 Texas Eclipse event. He educated the group on the actual event and then discussed emergency management, local community impacts, tourism/commerce impacts, safety and sanitation concerns, and general preparedness.
5. Presentation – Ken Cline Will Discuss Impact of Past Grants with Workforce Network, Inc., and the Possibility of a Trucking School Located in Llano
 - a. Local citizen, Ken Cline, is now with Workforce Network and is the Llano County Coordinator. Workforce Network has hired another Llano person to make certain these classes are promoted. Ken gave an encouraging report on the possibility of a trucking school coming to Llano.
 - b. Faye Crider spoke on access to the Community Center Building and the workshop built there.
 - c. CMA classes – Hatch has provided space to Workforce Solutions Capital Area's Rural Healthcare Initiative.
 - d. Pat added that we want/need a community college campus, and to get it, we have to prove viability by utilizing these classes. He added that the upcoming bond election on May 6th includes creating new CTEC classes, punctuating that students need a pipeline to connect to trade training.
6. Discussion Only – December 2022 - March 2023 Financial Reports
 - a. No comments.
7. Discuss and Consider – Letter of Support for Llano River Railroad Tourist Excursion Service
 - a. Motion was made by Hatch Smith and seconded by Marion Bishop to execute the letter of support for the Llano River Railroad Tourist Excursion Service.
 - b. Motion approved unanimously.
8. Discuss and Consider – Retail Development Support by Specialized Public Finance, Inc.
 - a. Motion was made by Hatch Smith and seconded by Marion Bishop to accept the proposal from Specialized Public Finance, Inc., to provide development consulting

services in connection with matters relating to the development of certain real property in Llano County, consisting of 17.15 acres at the intersection of Highways 16 and 71.

b. Motion approved unanimously.

9. Discussion Only – Update on Affordable Housing Initiative

a. Pat shared that there is some movement, but it is too early to talk about.

10. Discuss and Consider – Future Goals & Projects

a. Allen stated that there is nothing new on which to report.

b. Allen added that Julie Leverett would like to come and talk to the LEDC about how Marble Falls operates their park system.

c. No action taken.

11. Discuss and Consider – Invoices and Timesheets

a. No invoices were submitted.

b. Motion was made by Hatch Smith and seconded by Marianne Fraser to approve the timesheet submitted.

c. Motion approved unanimously.

12. Reports

a. No reports.

13. Adjourn

a. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.



Marianne Fraser, Secretary/Treasurer
Llano Economic Development Corporation