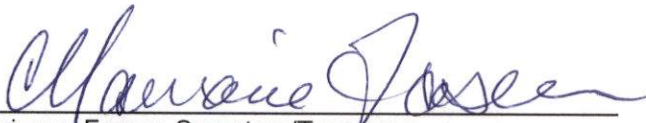


LLANO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MEETING MINUTES
June 27, 2022

OPEN MEETING

1. Call to Order
 - The meeting was called to order by Allen Hopson at 5:30 PM with the following members present: Pat McDowell, Marianne Fraser, and Josh Mayfield.
 - Also present were: John Ferguson, Michael Herrera and Gail Davalos
 - Members absent were: Eric Schuessler, Hatch Smith, and Sammy Leverett
2. Public Comments
 - No public comments.
3. Discuss and Consider – Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2022
 - Motion was made by Pat McDowell and seconded by Marianne Fraser to accept the minutes as presented.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
4. Presentation - Gail Davalos, Workforce Network, Inc
 - Ms. Davalos reported that it looks positive that the TRUE grant will be granted. This grant will provide for 3 high-demand jobs: plumbing, electricians and CDL drivers. This grant will cover about 80 CDL students, and 12 each of plumbers and electricians. The trade positions would be held in the City of Llano.
 - This grant will be announced within the next week or so. The Higher Education Board has already contacted CTC that they have been considered. This is a 14-month grant that expires in August of 2023.
 - There will be a Memorandum of Understanding between the Llano County Community Center Board and Llano County authorizing the use of the Community Center for two nights a week, one night for each trade, starting August 2022 to August 2023. The intent is that they do not pay rent.
 - CDL training will consist of two weeks of online training, and if there is sufficient internet at the Community Center Building, they could do it either there or from home. The driving portion will be in Killeen.
 - Ms. Davalos added that they have relationships with master plumbers and electricians in Marble Falls, Burnet, and HSB, but none in Llano. She provided a list of license holders in the City of Llano. Allen stated he has talked with Kenny Rhea and he is not interested. This is an apprenticeship program. We are only asking plumbers to agree to the department of labor apprentice labor standards, there are only 3 items, and they are already doing it. She asked for the LEDC Board to make a connection with the trade professionals in the City on behalf of this program and she will take it from there. It is vitally important for the trade professionals to support it. Asking the trades to send their apprentices (and general public) to this program, but since it is an apprentice program, they must have an employer sponsor. Without the employer support, this really won't work.
 - She reports for the CMA (medical assistant) 9 applicants may have signed up. This training starts in July.
 - Ms. Davalos ended with the \$5K grant match, which will be asked for at the end of 2023. This TRUE grant does not ask for match monies.
5. Discuss and Consider - Follow through on the items in the May 18, 2022 Letter of Commitment to support Central Texas College and Workforce Network, Inc. in the implementation of the "TRUE" job training grant to train plumbers, electricians, and CDL drivers.
 - No action taken.
6. Discussion Only – Financial Reports for April & May, 2022
 - Review of report as presented.
7. Discuss and Consider – Broadband Project Funding
 - Erica was not in attendance to report.
 - No action taken.
8. Discussion Only – LED Lighting & Solar Shades for the JLK Arena & Events Center
 - Erica was not present, nor did any board member know if Scott McDonough had provided her with information on cost of LED lighting and solar shades.

- Mara was instructed to provide a copy of the bond/note to Pat so that he can ascertain what the remaining balance can and cannot be spent on.
9. Discussion Only – Llano County Affordable Housing Meetings
 - Pat updated the members present with information that came out of the larger group's meeting.
 - DC Meier's 6.4 acre property could accommodate approximately 20 homes. The larger group has committed to meet with the City Manager to discuss possibilities with zoning change.
 - John Ferguson stated that he has a couple of acres in an SF-2. Allen responded that the LEDC is unable to do what we want there.
 - Pat added that he would like to set up a meeting with McDonald Communities from Kerrville.
 10. Discussion Only – City Owned Properties
 - Pat reported that he and Judge Cunningham have met with the CEO of Schweitzer Helicopters. They are interested in growing their production up to 25 units/month and they really like Llano. They are looking at a couple of spaces, however, the bigger issue for them is where the staff would live.
 11. Discussion Only - Monthly Review of Vacant Business Property
 - Pat stated this is a function of Main Street and do we need to see it monthly?
 - Marianne added that she would like to continue to see it.
 12. Discuss and Consider – FY 22-23 Budget and Projects
 - Pat does not agree with Marty's average approach to estimate the sales tax for FY 2023.
 - Pat will find out if LEDC funds can purchase land outside of the county.
 - Pat stated the EDC cannot give funds to the City for airport/hangars.
 - Motion was made by Josh Mayfield and seconded by Marianne Fraser to adopt the proposed Projects & Budget for FY 2022-2023 and present it to City Council for their approval.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
 13. Discuss and Consider – Invoices and Timesheets
 - Motion was made by Marianne Fraser and seconded by Pat McDowell to approve the invoice and timesheet as submitted.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
 14. Reports
 - No reports.
 15. Adjourn
 - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.



Marianne Fraser, Secretary/Treasurer
Llano Economic Development Corporation