



MINUTES
Rice Community Economic Development Corporation

Thursday, January 19, 2023
6:00 PM
Rice City Hall
305 N. Dallas Street
Rice, TX 75155

Item 1: Roll Call

James Franks: Call Meeting to Order 6:00 pm
Members Present: James Franks, Laura McGee, Garry Teague,
Brandi Solomon, Rolando Chapa

Members Absent: Jared Alsup

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance Led by All

Item 3: Invocation Prayer Led by Garry Teague

Item 4: Public Forum – Jason Grant appeal for Soggy Peso grant

Item 5: Agenda Items

- a. EDC Board Group Photo
- b. Re-vote on agenda items from 11/07/22
 - Discuss and deliberate process of surveying EDC Land for \$500:
Motion to Approve by Garry Teague, 2nd by Cody Barham
Ayes: Laura McGee, James Franks, Brandi Solomon, Rolando Chapa
Nays: None; Motion Passed
 - Discuss and deliberate quarterly mixers: Motion to host a Business Fair
by Brandi Solomon, 2nd by Cody Barham
Ayes: Laura McGee, James Franks, Garry Teague, Rolando Chapa
Nays: None; Motion Passed
 - Discuss and deliberate financials from 11/07/22 meeting: Motion to
approve by Brandi Solomon, 2nd by Cody Barham
Ayes: Laura McGee, James Franks, Garry Teague, Rolando Chapa
Nays: None; Motion Passed
- c. Archa Cassel Review
 - Archa went over available grant opportunities, local business outreach
efforts, Business Fair progress
- d. Discuss 2023 Meeting Schedule
 - Motion to approve schedule by Garry Teague, 2nd by Cody Barham
Ayes: Laura McGee, James Franks, Brandi Solomon, Rolando Chapa
Nays: None; Motion Passed
- e. Discuss Print Request process

- f. Discuss & Deliberate available Grants for EDC
 - Motion to approve pursuing grants to develop a Food Truck Park on the EDC land by Brandi Solomon, 2nd by Rolando Chapa
 Ayes: Laura McGee, James Franks, Garry Teague, Rolando Chapa
 Nays: None; Motion Passed
- g. Discuss & Deliberate Applications for Business Assistance Grant
 - Motion to approve S Bar C Grant Application upon receipt of required documentation by Laura McGee, 2nd by Garry Teague
 Ayes: Brandi Solomon, James Franks, Rolando Chapa
 Nays: None
 Vote Withheld: Cody Barham
 Application Approved
 - Motion to approve El Rincon de Michoacan Grant Application upon receipt of required documentation by Garry Teague, 2nd by Laura McGee
 Ayes: Brandi Solomon, James Franks, Rolando Chapa, Cody Barham
 Nays: None
 Application Approved
 - Motion to approve Liberty Homes Application upon receipt of required documentation by Garry Teague, 2nd by Laura McGee
 Ayes: Brandi Solomon, James Franks, Rolando Chapa, Cody Barham
 Nays: None
 Application Approved
 - Motion to approve CL Equipment Sales and Auction Services Application by Garry Teague, 2nd by Rolando Chapa
 Ayes: Brandi Solomon, James Franks, Laura McGee, Cody Barham
 Nays: None
 Application Approved
 - Motion to approve Bee Well Doula & Massage Grant Application by Garry Teague, 2nd by Rolando Chapa
 Ayes: Brandi Solomon, James Franks, Laura McGee, Cody Barham
 Nays: None
 Application Approved
- h. Discuss & Deliberate Applications for EDC Administrative Assistant
 Motion to close applications and accept Archa Cassel for the position by Cody Barham, 2nd by Brandi Solomon
 Ayes: James Franks, Rolando Chapa, Garry Teague
 Vote Withheld: Laura McGee
 Motion Passed
- i. Discuss & Deliberate Advertising in Rice Review Newsletter
 Motion to purchase a monthly ad in the newsletter to promote the EDC and local businesses (\$100/month) by Laura McGee, 2nd by Rolando Chapa
 Ayes: James Franks, Cody Barham, Garry Teague, Brandi Solomon
 Nays: None
 Motion Passed

- j. Discuss Board Members Who Have Completed Their Term
 Motion to nominate J. Cody Barham and Garry Teague to be elected to a new term by Laura McGee, 2nd by Rolando Chapa
 Ayes: James Franks, Cody Barham, Brandi Solomon, Garry Teague
 Nays: None
 Motion Passed
 - k. Discuss Business Fair Event
 - l. Discuss & Deliberate ordering Shirts
 Motion to order Polo shirts with embroidered logo/names by Cody Barham, 2nd by Rolando Chapa
 Ayes: Laura McGee, Brandi Solomon, James Franks, Garry Teague
 Nays: None
 Motion Passed
 - m. Discuss and Deliberate Financials
 Motion to table financials for Special Meeting on 02/06/2023 by Cody Barham, 2nd by Garry Teague
 Ayes: Laura McGee, James Franks, Rolando Chapa, Brandi Solomon
 Nays: None
 Motion Passed
 - n. Discuss and Deliberate Minutes from 12/12/22
 Motion to approve Minutes by Cody Barham, 2nd by Laura McGee
2. Adjourn: Motion James Franks to Adjourn, 2nd by Laura McGee
 Ayes: Cody Barham, Garry Teague, Rolando Chapa, Brandi Solomon
 Nays: None
 Motion Passed

Attest: _____ Date: _____
 Secretary

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 Administrator