



MINUTES
Rice Community Economic Development Corporation

Monday, December 12, 2022

6:00 PM

Rice City Hall
305 N. Dallas Street
Rice, TX 75155

Item 1: Roll Call

Jim Franks: Call Meeting to Order 6:00 pm

Members Present: Jim Franks, Laura McGee, Garry Teague, Brandi Solomon,
James Jared Alsup

Members Absent: Rolando Chapa

Members Tardy: Jared Cody Barham

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance Led by All

Item 3: Invocation Prayer

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

Item 5: Agenda Items

- a. Discuss and Deliberate EDC Business Grant Applications received.
 - Soggy Peso: Motion to approve with changes, and upon delivery of required forms by Garry Teague, 2nd by Jared Alsup.
Ayes: Laura McGee, James Franks, Brandi Solomon
Nays: None
Application approved.
 - El Rincon de Michoacan: Motion to deny application due to insufficient information by Jared Alsup, 2nd by Brandi Solomon.
Ayes: James Franks, Laura McGee
Nays: None
Vote Witheld: Garry Teague
Application denied.
 - Dolce Beauty Bar: Motion to Approve upon delivery of required forms by Jared Alsup, 2nd by Garry Teague.
Ayes: Laura McGee, James Franks, Brandi Solomon
Nays: None
Application approved.
 - Huffman Tire & Brake: Motion to Approve upon review of required forms by Jared Alsup, 2nd by Garry Teague.
Ayes: Brandi Solomon, Laura McGee, James Franks
Application Approved.

- b. Discuss change from petty cash to Debit card.
Mr. Franks/President reviewed the process for using/checking out Debit card from Sharon Watkins/City Finance Clerk; the President should be notified before purchases over \$100 are made; the signer for the purchase will be held responsible for the purchase, will sign the receipt and return it with the card to the City Finance Clerk.
 - c. Discuss and approve financials for November 2022
Motion to approve by Garry Teague, 2nd by Jared Alsup
Ayes: Laura McGee, Brandi Solomon, James Franks, J. Cody Barham
Nays: None
Motion Passed
 - d. Discuss Business Fair
All members discussed and agreed that:
 - the Business Fair will be held in the Gym at Rice City Hall on January 20th, 2023 from 10AM-1PM
 - Sales will be allowed
 - Business will be required to provide their own tables
 - Business with a 75155 zip code are preferred
 - Door prizes will be given to attendees – maybe \$25 gift cards for local businesses
 - Prizes will be given for the “Best” business table:
\$100 for 1st, \$50 for 2nd
 - EDC will be responsible for clean-up
 - Set up will begin at 9AM – Some or all EDC members will be present for set-up, during the event, and for clean-up
 - e. Discuss and deliberate hiring a Contract Administrator/review applicant Archa Cassel
Motion to hire Archa Cassel in the interim while applications are still open, and to consider her for the position; also, to hire Brandi Solomon for additional administrative work by Jared Alsup, 2nd by J. Cody Barham.
Ayes: Garry Teague, James Franks, Laura McGee, Brandi Solomon
Nays: None
Motion Passed
1) Motion to pay Brandi Solomon for additional administrative work done previous to meeting by Garry Teague, 2nd by J. Cody Barham
Motion Passed.
- Item 6: Adjourn** Motion by J. Cody Barham to Adjourn, 2nd by Jared Alsup
Ayes: Laura McGee, James Franks, Brand Solomon
Nays: None
Motion Passed

Attest: _____ Date: _____
Secretary

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Coordinator