



MINUTES
Rice Community Economic Development Corporation
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 12, 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, Garry Teague, Cody Barham, Laura McGee, Rolando Chapa, Brandi Solomon, Jared Alsup

Non-members Present:
Archa Cassel, EDC Executive Coordinator

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance Led by All

Item 3: Invocation Prayer Led by Garry Teague

Item 4: Public Forum

Item 5: Agenda Items

- a. Q & A with Food Truck Owners
 - No food truck owners were present; EDC board heard/read feedback submitted by the Glory Grounds Coffee Truck owner.
 - We discussed how developing the downtown property would create an opportunity to charge food trucks or vendors for renting space.
 - Motion was made by Cody Barham to move on to item B due to no Food Truck owners being present, 2nd by Jared Alsup, Ayes: Laura McGee, Garry Teague, James Franks, Brandi Solomon, Rolando Chapa
Nays: None, Motion Passed
- b. Discuss & Deliberate Plans for EDC Park
 - We discussed how electricity was an important part of developing downtown, adding lights and electric receptacles like an RV park, and how the land can be used for future events in addition to a Food Truck event.
 - Garry suggested the property be developed into parking, there was discussion for the need to have additional parking in downtown.
 - Motion was made by Cody Barham to table the discussion, 2nd by Brandi Solomon Ayes: Laura McGee, Garry Teague, James Franks, Jared Alsup, Rolando Chapa
Nays: None, Motion Passed
- c. Review & Approve Financial Statements
 - Motion made by Jared Alsup to move on to the next agenda item while the Board reviewed financial statement, 2nd by Garry Teague
Ayes: Laura McGee, Brandi Solomon, James Franks, Jared Alsup, Rolando Chapa
Nays: None, Motion Passed
 - Jared noted that 14.1% of our annual budget has been spent.

- Motion made by Brandi Solomon to approve the financial statement, 2nd by Cody Barham, Ayes: Jared Alsup, James Franks, Laura McGee, Rolando Chapa, Garry Teague *with an adjustment to accommodate the 2 week difference between the Financial Statement and the Bank Statement, Nays: None, Motion Passed
- d. **Archa Update**
 - Archa talked about getting bids for electricity and the A/C for the gym. We need to coordinate with the trade people for getting bids, Archa received contact information for contractors. She also let us know about a new grant opportunity from Walmart offering up to \$25K, and that we are in the process of applying for SAM to help get new grant opportunities. Motion to move to next agenda item by Jared Alsup, 2nd by Cody Barham
- e. **Review EDC Grant Applications**
 - La Familia Grande – Motion made by Cody Barham to approve, 2nd by Laura McGee; Ayes Brandi Solomon, Garry Teague, Laura McGee, Rolando Chapa, Jared Alsup *pending receipt of all associated documentation, Nays: None, Motion Passed
- f. **Rolando Chapa – Car Show/Open House**
 - Rolando discussed using the EDC property to host a car show and cornhole tournament that would include an open house at the Rice Business Hub. The EDC board discussed ways in which we might sponsor or participate in the event. It was mentioned that Rolando is eligible to apply for an EDC Business Grant for his business.
- g. **Approve March Minutes**
 - Motion to approve minutes by James Franks, 2nd by Brandi Solomon, 2nd Ayes: Laura McGee, Jared Alsup, Rolando Chapa, Garry Teague, Cody Barham, Nays: None, Motion Passed

Item 6: Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Garry Teague, 2nd by Laura McGee

Ayes: James Franks, Jared Alsup, Rolando Chapa, Brandi Solomon, Cody Barham

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Attest: _____ Date: _____
Secretary

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Administrator