



**Rice Community Economic Development Corporation
RICE, TEXAS**

Monday, October 2, 2023

6:00 PM

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

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Public Forum
5. Agenda Items
 - a. Discuss & Deliberate Donation Letter for Cooler
 - b. Discuss & Deliberate EDC 2024 Project Plan
 - c. Discuss & Deliberate Meeting Schedule for 2024
 - d. Discuss & Deliberate 09/11/23 Meeting Minutes
6. Adjourn



Item Title: Discuss & Deliberate Donation Letter for Cooler

Summary:

We will present the Big Ass Fans Portable Cooler to the City of Rice Parks & Recreation Dept. Refer to Documents attached.

Background:



Item Title: Discuss & Deliberate EDC 2024 Project Plan

Summary:

We will be presenting our Project Plan to the City Council for approval on their 10/10/23 Agenda. Refer to attached documentation.

Background:



Item Title: Discuss & Deliberate Meeting Schedule for 2024

Summary:

The Rice EDC Board Meetings will need to be held on a date at least one week prior to each City Council meeting. We will be updating the City Council at each of their meetings, as part of their agenda.



Item Title: Discuss & Deliberate 09/11/23 Meeting Minutes

Summary:

Refer to attached documentation

Background:



MONTH DAY, 2023
City of Rice Parks & Recreation Department
305 N. Dallas St.
Rice, TX 75155

We, the Board Members of the Rice Economic Development Corporation (EDC), are happy to announce our decision to grant a new Cool-Space 500 portable, evaporative cooler to the City of Rice Parks & Recreation Department to be used in the City of Rice Gym*. We believe that this donation will significantly enhance the experience of those who use the gym for sporting and community events.

We want to recognize the efforts of the City of Rice and citizen volunteers to make better use of our recreational facilities, and hope to contribute to this ongoing endeavor by helping to create a more enjoyable environment. The Cool-Space 500 will cool up to 6,500 sq/ft by 33°F for 10 hours without needing to be connected to a hose (once the reservoir is full). We believe that it will be a valuable addition to the department's resources, ensuring that patrons of the City of Rice Gym can stay comfortable during their use of the facility.

We also want to comply with our mission as an EDC to create additional revenue. Our intent is for the Cool-Space 500 to be used as a resource to increase gym rentals, and as an option to collect additional fees.

We are excited about this contribution and look forward to working closely with the City of Rice to ensure its successful implementation. We are honored to be able to assist with the continued improvement of our city's Parks and Recreational facilities, and creating more accessibility for all to enjoy them.

Sincerely,

The members of the Rice EDC

** Any damage to the equipment will be the responsibility of the City of Rice to repair or replace, the Rice EDC will not be held liable for any damage to or injury caused by the use of the Cool-Space 500*



10/10/2023
City of Rice City Council
305 N. Dallas St.
Rice, TX 75155

Proposal of EDC Projects: 2024

Parks & Recreation Improvements*: Our goal is to create a climate controlled environment for our City of Rice Gym, and the batting cages at Mike Dickens Memorial Park. This will make our recreational spaces more for sporting and other event rentals; and also make the gym safer and more comfortable for the community,

- We will use budget money to purchase an 18' Fan for the Gym, and an additional portable evaporative cooler to be used in the batting cages at Mike Dickens Memorial Park.
- We will pursue grant money to install air conditioning, and other climate control updates, and general improvements to the City of Rice Gym.

Improvement of Downtown Property*: Our goal is to create a safer and more attractive area for our downtown area for our residents and visitors.

- **Phase 1:** We will use budget money to add lights (donated) and 5 50 AMP electric hookups. These improvements will not only create a safer environment, but will make it a more attractive location for vendors and events.
- **Phase 2:** We will pursue grant money as part of our larger plan to include shaded coverings, walkways, an entrance, etc.

Advertising: Our goal is to help draw attention to Rice as a viable location for new businesses and as a destination for visitors to our businesses and events.

- We will use budget money to purchase online ads and/or publication ads featuring Rice businesses, City of Rice events, and to generally promote the viability of our city.
- We will pursue free opportunities in local newspapers, and on social media for additional exposure

Business Grant*: Our goal will be to increase local sales by growing existing businesses, and attracting new business - resulting in more sales tax revenue. Our application process will require that applicants have a comprehensive plan for growth, and establish their financial requirements. It will include a scoring process and a structured follow-up process, to ensure accountability.

- We will use budget money to grant qualified applicants funding to suit their proposed plan (up to \$30,000).
- We will offer free resources to businesses who need help developing their business plan.

** refer to supporting documentation for bids, plans, etc.*

Reference for Cooler: https://store.bigassfans.com/en_us/evaporative-cooler-cool-space-350?hsCtaTracking=413c331d-1780-4754-b893-cb58659a1ad1%7C1073aa81-e010-498b-a8ba-1e9481c51cd3

Training & Education: Our goal is to attend training, as required, and as a way to better serve the City of Rice. We will use budget money to attend a Basic Economic Development Course (\$800.00 each attendee) provided by The Texas Economic Development Council.

Reference: https://texasedc.org/assets/downloads/tedc-bedc-brochure_2023.pdf

Public & Employee Relations: Our goal is to create a direct relationship with local business owners through one-on-one outreach, and by hosting and attending events.

- We will use budget money to host an annual Business Fair, and attend events that would offer beneficial exposure to business owners/operators.
- We will pursue free opportunities to represent the EDC at local events.



PROPOSAL

Community of Rice EDC
QUOTE NUMBER: 00909084

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For more than 20 years, Big Ass Fans has set the standard for safer, more comfortable work conditions with airflow products purpose-built to excel in demanding environments. Our fans provide year-round relief from extreme temperatures, making people feel up to 10 °F (6 °C) cooler in summer and effectively circulating heated air in winter.

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Contact: **Hunter Rice**

Email: hunter.rice@bigassfans.com

Phone: **(859) 629-7518**



00909084

Quote Information

Quote Number	00909084	Created Date	8/22/2023
		Expiration Date	9/22/2023
Bill To Name	Community of Rice EDC	Ship To Name	Community of Rice EDC
Bill To:	305 North Dallas St Rice, TX 75155 US	Ship To:	305 North Dallas St Rice, TX 75155 US
SFDC ID	11020019		

General Information

Sales Rep	Hunter Rice	Contact Name	Archa Cassel
E-mail	hunter.rice@bigassfans.com	Contact Phone	9036413409
Phone	(859) 629-7518		
Fax	859-233-0139		

Comments

Comments

Sales Tax

Sales Tax is strictly an estimate and may change based on the shipping address of the order; sales tax is also subject to the tax provisions of the "STANDARD TERMS."

Product	Description	Qty	Total Price
Ceiling Fan Kit, Powerfoil X4, 18', 200-240V/1PH, 2.0hp, >750W		1	\$10,465.00
- PFX/PFD Short Standard Industrial Mount Kit, 5-9 7/8" Beam Mount			
- Wired Standard Control			

Subtotal: \$10,465.00
Tax: \$ 875.36
Estimated Shipping: \$477.00
Grand Total: \$11,817.36



STANDARD TERMS - NET 30 DAYS UPON APPROVAL

Shipping and handling is an estimate.

Our proposals include an estimate of applicable itemized sales taxes which Big Ass Fans is legally obligated to collect and remit. The final, actual amount of such taxes would only be known at the time the customer is actually invoiced for the order.

All products are subject to Big Ass Fans return policy. For full details visit bigassfans.com/returns

The Buyer must insure that product specifications are consistent with actual field installation requirements. Big Ass Fans product recommendations are based on product specifications as transmitted to the company. As such, Big Ass Fans is not responsible for inaccuracies between the communicated product specifications and actual field installation requirements. The Buyer of the specified products assumes responsibility for the cost of returning or exchanging specified product where specified product does not meet field requirements.

Any variations to product types or quantities (or omissions of existing light fixtures during the survey process – and now not represented in project) will be considered “add-on” and an additional material requirement. These add-on materials will be priced separately.

Big Ass Fans customers who have been approved for term credit and are invoiced for their orders may pay their invoice through one of our customary term credit payment methods of: Check, money order, wire transfer or ACH payment. Any such term credit approved customers who subsequently elect to pay their term invoice by credit card will also be charged a convenience fee for doing so. The exact amount of the convenience fee will be communicated to the customer before the transaction is processed and the card is charged. The Fee is calculated by multiplying the amount sought to be charged to the credit card by .03. (Fee = .03 x Total Amount Paid). If the customer elects not to pay the convenience fee, the customer may use one of the other payment channels alluded to above, free of charge.

Customer is responsible for paying all applicable state and local transactional taxes resulting from the sale. As a manufacturer of tangible personal property registered to do business in all 50 US States, Big Ass Fans is obligated to collect and remit applicable sales taxes and the transaction will be treated and reported as the sale of tangible personal property sold by a manufacturer.

To the extent that the Buyer takes any contrary position with any taxing authority subsequent to this transaction which results in additional and/or different transaction-based taxes for which Big Ass Fans is responsible, Big Ass Fans reserves the right to apply any sales tax collected to any such additional taxes due and/or invoice the Buyer for any other additional amounts due. Additionally, to the extent that applicable transactional taxes were not collected at the time of sale in reliance upon an Exemption Certificate or other exemption later found to be inapplicable by Big Ass Fans, in the exercise of its sole and absolute discretion, Big Ass Fans will invoice Buyer for any applicable sales or other transactional taxes.

Buyer covenants and agrees to promptly pay any such amounts to Big Ass Fans on the same terms and conditions as any other amounts owed to Big Ass Fans on the applicable Order.

The transaction and contract that is the subject of this Proposal shall be governed by the internal laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this contract, or the breach thereof, shall be settled by arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Commercial Arbitration Rules, and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

Upon sales agreement being signed and submitted, order shipment date changes may not be submitted or changed by the purchasing party within 10 business days of scheduled shipment. Scheduled shipment dates may not be changed within the final 10 business days of a given month. Should a customer require that a shipment date be changed within 10 business days of scheduled shipment or within the final 10 business days of a given month, Big Ass Fans reserves the right to decline the customer's request. Secondly, Big Ass Fans reserves the right to charge a monetary fee for any shipment date change request that falls within the representative windows described above

Evaporative Cooler (Cool Space) orders are not able to be canceled outside of the same business day in which purchase has been confirmed. Customer assumes responsibility for all necessary reconsignment fees related to shipping &/or freight charges as a result of canceled orders completed outside of the hours of 8:00AM to 5:00PM EST on the same business day purchase occurs.

This Proposal and its Associated Terms may not be modified or added to, except by a subsequent writing executed by Big Ass Fans.

PURCHASING OR USING ANY OF OUR PRODUCTS & SERVICES INDICATES YOU AGREE WITH OUR [TERMS OF SERVICE](#) AND [PRIVACY POLICY](#). (FOR FULL WARRANTY, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS FOR ALL BIG ASS PRODUCTS, VISIT BIGASSFANS.COM.)

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, neither party shall be liable to the other party (or any third party) for indirect, consequential, special, incidental, or punitive damages arising from the sale of the products or this agreement. In addition, seller's total aggregate liability under this agreement shall never exceed the value of the purchase order or the previous twelve (12) months of sales hereunder, whichever is less. This provision shall survive the expiration of termination of this agreement.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Big Ass Fans retains exclusive ownership of all intellectual property rights embodied by and/or associated with the products sold.

CUSTOMER CONTACT INFORMATION

PLEASE CONFIRM AND COMPLETE ALL BILLING AND SHIPPING INFORMATION FOR YOUR ORDER.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (BILLING) ADDRESS:

305 North Dallas St, Rice, TX, 75155, US

IS THE BILLING ADDRESS ABOVE CORRECT? Y / N

If this address is incorrect, please provide correct information below:

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ DUNS #: _____

SHIPPING ADDRESS:

305 North Dallas St, Rice, TX, 75155, US

IS THE SHIPPING ADDRESS ABOVE CORRECT? Y / N

If this address is incorrect, please provide correct information below:

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Shipping Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

If your organization requires a purchase order, please provide the PO number here: _____ Please provide any available PO documentation to your BAF sales representative.

If this purchase is tax exempt (e.g., 501(c)(3), 509(a), Section 527, registered resellers), you must provide a valid tax exemption certificate to your BAF sales representative.

CLIENT

BIG ASS FANS

Signature

Signature

Printed Name Date

Printed Name Date



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What do you do after making the best industrial fan in the world? You make it better. Driven by this spirit of innovation, Powerfoil X4 has the industry-leading airflow, safety, and performance needed to transform harsh industrial environments into comfortable conditions. Featuring a high-efficiency motor, full-fan IP56 rating, and multiple redundant safety features, Powerfoil X4 is engineered to improve indoor air quality and occupant comfort far longer than the competition.



KEY FEATURES

- ▶ **Eight aluminum airfoils** with advanced winglets, safety restraints, and AirFence® system
- ▶ **NitroSeal™ gearbox** hermetically sealed for durability and longevity
- ▶ **Standard IP56 rating for the entire fan** makes it perfect for harsh environments
- ▶ **Largest diameter and airflow coverage area** of any fan on the market
- ▶ **Best-in-class safety features** including aircraft-grade steel safety cables and patented dual-axis mounting system
- ▶ **Available upgrades** include control systems, ion technology, occupancy sensor, LED kit, and more

DIAMETER

12-30* FEET
(3.7-9.1 METERS)

MOTOR

NITROSEAL
DRIVE SYSTEM

MOUNTING

I-BEAMS, BAR JOISTS,
SOLID BEAMS, AND PURLINS

WARRANTY

UP TO
15 YEARS
MECHANICAL

UP TO
15 YEARS
ELECTRICAL

*The 30' diameter option is NOT available for any buildings with an existing sprinkler system (including an ESFR system) or where such a system may be installed, in accordance with applicable NFPA standards.

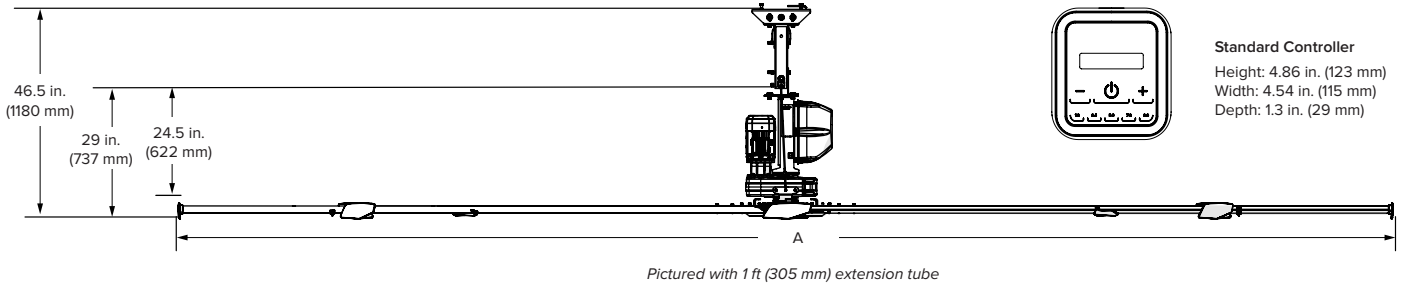
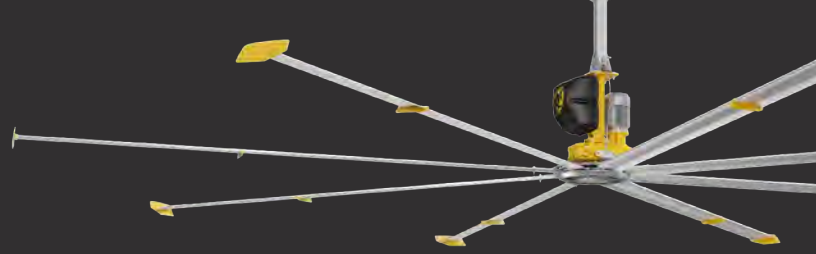


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Technical Specifications							
Fan	Diameter (A) ¹	Weight ²	Max Speed	Input Power and Required Breaker	Motor Horsepower	Airfoil Clearances ³	Max Operating Temperature
PFX4-12	12 ft (3.6 m)	245 lb (111 kg)	130 RPM	200–240 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 1 Φ, 20 A 200–240 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 3 Φ, 15 A 400–480 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 3 Φ, 10 A 575–600 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 3 Φ, 10 A	1.9 hp (1.4 kW)	2 ft (0.6 m) on sides 5 ft (1.5 m) below ceiling	122°F (50°C)
PFX4-14	14 ft (4.3 m)	254 lb (115 kg)	116 RPM			2 ft (0.6 m) on sides 6 ft (1.8 m) below ceiling	
PFX4-16	16 ft (4.9 m)	264 lb (120 kg)	96 RPM		2.5 hp (1.85 kW)	2 ft (0.6 m) on sides 7 ft (2.1 m) below ceiling	
PFX4-18	18 ft (5.5 m)	281 lb (127 kg)	90 RPM			2 ft (0.6 m) on sides 10 ft (3 m) below ceiling	
PFX4-20	20 ft (6.1 m)	290 lb (132 kg)	76 RPM				
PFX4-24	24 ft (7.3 m)	347 lb (157 kg)	62 RPM				
PFX4-30	30 ft (9.1 m)	374 lb (179 kg)	46 RPM				

Construction Features					
Airfoils	Motor and Gearbox	Onboard VFD and Functional Platform	Mounting	Multi-Point Safety ⁴	Colors
Eight custom-engineered airfoils (mill finish) with winglets (BAF Yellow) for optimum airflow	Rated IP56 Fully sealed NitroSeal™ Drive gearbox (STÖBER) reduces heat buildup and resists corrosion for extended life	Housed in spacious ABS/PVC-based enclosure with built-in heatsink Functional platform integrates lights, security cameras, speakers, or other devices	Standard upper mount installs to I-beams and bar joists Optional kits allow for mounting to solid beams and purlins	Double safety cable system, airfoil retainers, hub safety clips, Grade 8 hardware, fire relay, guy wires, and airfoil restraint system	Standard colors are silver and yellow Individualize your fan with one of our classic color upgrades, or create a shade that's all your own

Controls		
Standard Controller	Integrations	BAFCon Upgrade ⁵
Made from durable UV-resistant materials Rated IP55 Intuitive touchscreen interface On/Off and variable speed control Password protection Powered by fan drive	Building automation systems (Modbus-RTU protocol or BACnet adapter) 0–10 V control Fire suppression systems	Integrated SmartSense technology automatically adjusts fan speed based on seasonal conditions 24-bit color LCD display with resistive touchscreen protected in sleek metal and ABS housing Powered by fan drive

Standard Controller



Lead times may vary.
See full warranty for coverage information.

¹ The 30 ft (9.1 m) diameter is NOT available for buildings with an existing sprinkler system (including an ESFR system) or where such a system may be installed, in accordance with applicable NFPA standards.
² Weight does not include mount or extension tube.
³ Measure the distance from the tip of the winglet to the ceiling or major obstruction.
⁴ Airfoil restraint system comes standard on 20–30 ft (6–9.1 m) fans and is an option for smaller diameter fans. The fire relay must be wired during install if required by local code. Guy wires are included with fans that have extension tubes 4 ft (1.2 m) or longer.
⁵ Optional upgrade available; ships separately.



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Corsicana Sheet Metal Co. Inc.

P.O. Box 1676
 Corsicana TX 75151

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
8/23/2023	2875

Name / Address
CITY OF RICE

Project

Description	Qty	Rate	903-872-8434		Total
NEW INSTALLATION---FURNISHING AND INSTALLING 2- 15 TON YORK SUN CHOICE SINGLE PACKAGED R-410 A AIR CONDITIONERS. THEY WILL BE INSTALLED HORIZONTAL WITH SIDE DISCHARGE ON AN ELEVATED RACK. TWO STAGE COMPRESSORS OPERATION, STANDARD EFFICIENCY, SIDE DUCT, STANDARD EFFICIENCY, HORIZONTAL DUCT, NATURAL GAS, STAINLESS STEEL, STAGED HEAT, LOW HEAT, 200MBH INPUT, 208/230-3-60, 5KASTANDARD SCCR, 5HP MEDIUM STATIC BELT DRIVE BLOWER. * INTELL ISPEED CONTROL OF THE VFD BASED ON STAGES OF COOLING. PROVIDES SINGLE ZONE VAV FAN OPERATION AS DEFINED BY ASHRAE 90.1 SECTION6.4.3.10. * MOTORIZED DAMPER * 2 INCH THROW AWAY FILTERS * SMART EQUIPMENT CONTROLLER INCLUDING DISCHARGE AIR, RETURN AIR, AND OUTDOOR AIR TEMPERATURE SENSORS. * MICROCHANNEL CONDENSER COILS * COPPER TUBE/ALUMINUM FIN EVAPORATOR COILS * STANDARD CABINET * LOUVERED HAIL GUARD	1	77,015.59			77,015.59T

Subtotal
Sales Tax (0.0%)
Total

Corsicana Sheet Metal Co. Inc.

P.O. Box 1676
 Corsicana TX 75151

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
8/23/2023	2875

Name / Address
CITY OF RICE

Project

Description	Qty	Rate	903-872-8434		Total
<p>* POLYESTER SMC DRAIN PAN. AND ALL OTHER PARTS FOR A COMPLETE JOB.</p> <p>YOU CAN INSTALL AT THE BACK OF THE BUILDING ON SHOP MADE MEZZANINE OR THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING ON 2 SMALLER METAL RACKS. THE PRICE FOR THESE RACKS ARE NOT IN THE ESTIMATE. NO TAX HAS BEEN ADDED TO THIS ESTIMATE TACLA17219E *****UNITS QUOTED ARE DEDICATED HORIZONTAL/SIDE DISCHARGE. LEAD TIME FOR UNITS QUOTED IS 19 WEEKS FROM THE FACTORY. PRICE IS SUBJECT TO A 7% INCREASE ON OCTOBER 1, 2023.</p>					

Subtotal	\$77,015.59
Sales Tax (0.0%)	\$0.00
Total	\$77,015.59

County Electric Services LLC
210 E Collin St
Corsicana, TX 75110
903-874-5189
countyelectricservices@yahoo.
com



Estimate 1126

ADDRESS	SHIP TO	DATE	TOTAL
Archa Cassel Community of Rce EDC	Archa Cassel Community of Rce EDC	09/25/2023	\$9,840.50

DESCRIPTION	QTY	AMOUNT
Labor for Electrician and 2 helpers	24	3,600.00
Total material	1	6,240.50
Rice City Hall		
Run power for new ac units on the gym.		
	SUBTOTAL	9,840.50
	TAX	0.00
	TOTAL	\$9,840.50

THANK YOU.

Accepted By

Accepted Date

CHEROKEE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
1012 FM 1578 * Frost, Texas 76641
469-337-8725 corvdsmith64@gmail.com

August 31, 2023

Job: City of Rice
Rice, Texas

Project: A.C. platform and openings.

Specifications

1. 4"x4"x 3/8 angle frame and bracing for (2) 129 3/4"x 88 3/4" condensing units.
2. (6) 4"x4"x 11ga. tube columns at 11'. (3) columns will be on new piers.
3. Platform will have 5' cat walk down the middle to service the units. (No ladder).
4. Cut in and frame in (2) 42"x 42" openings into the existing wall. Location by AC contractor.

Note: All dimensions and installation to be coordinated with AC contractor

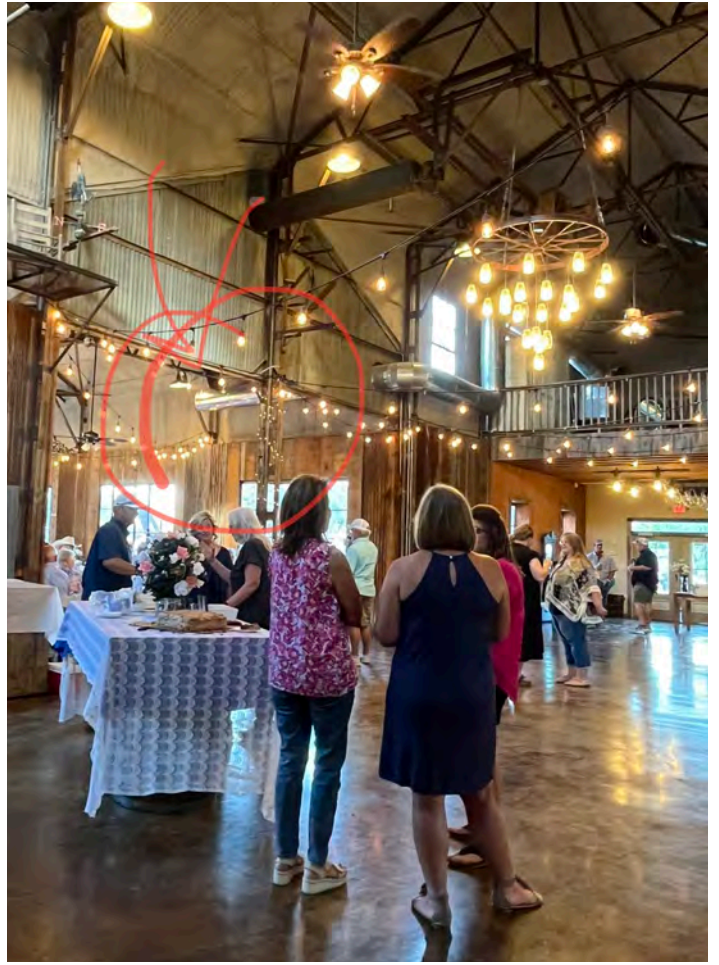
Price includes: All material, fabrication, installation, paint, piers and equipment.

TOTAL: \$ 11,880.00

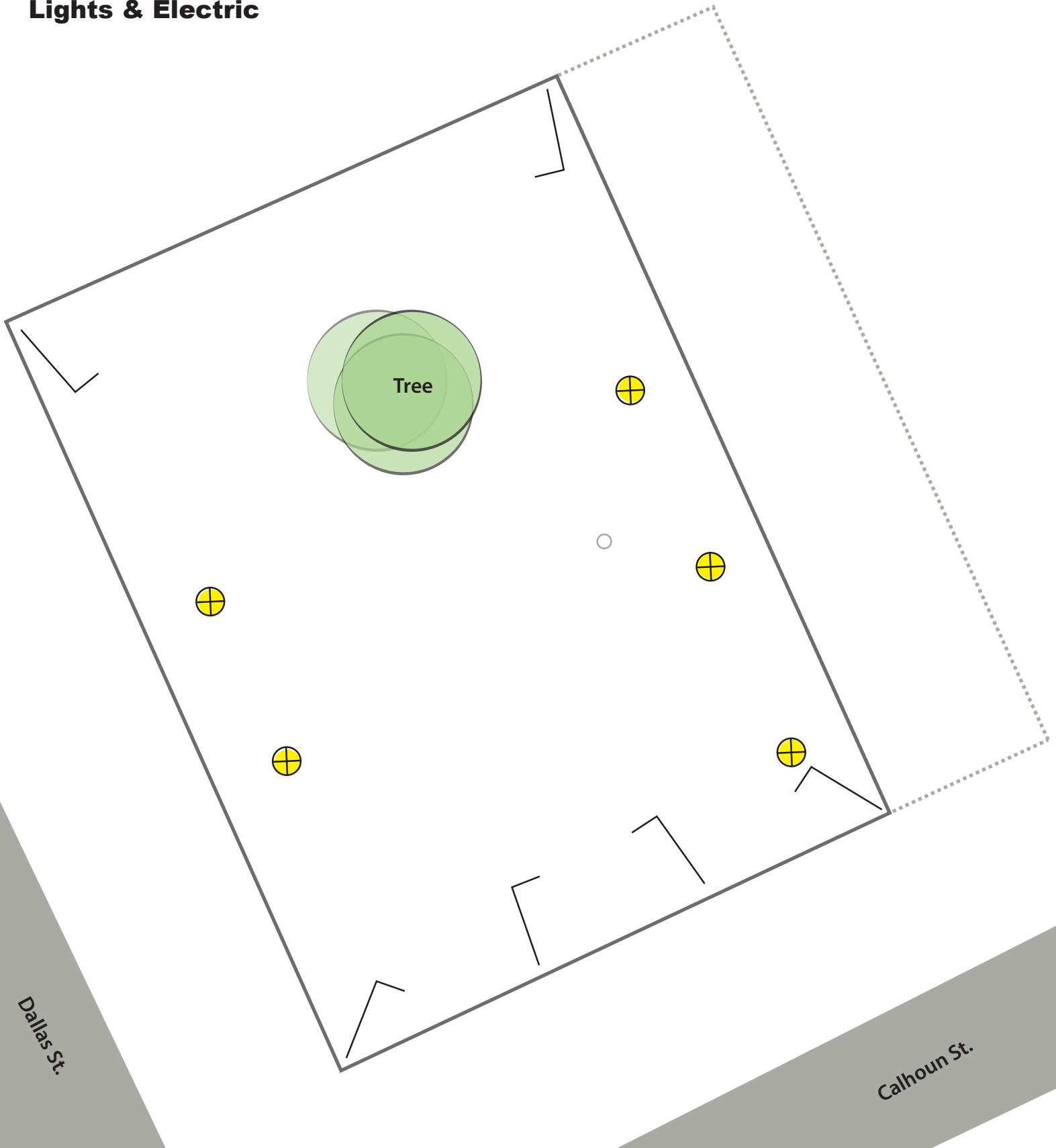
Accepted:

Approved:

Cory D. Smith
Cherokee Const. Services



PHASE 1: Downtown Property Improvement Lights & Electric



● 50 AMP Outlet

— Property Line
- - - McGee Estate Property Line

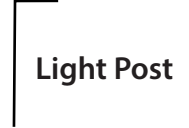
┌ Light Post

**PHASE 2: Downtown Property Improvement
Covered Structures (Pergola/Tree) w/Electric,
Entrance, Vendor Pads, Foot Paths**



- 15 AMP Outlet
- 50 AMP Outlet
- - - Walking Path

- Property Line
- McGee Estate Property Line



Potential Finishing Examples



County Electric Services LLC
210 E Collin St
Corsicana, TX 75110
903-874-5189
countyelectricservices@yahoo.
com



Estimate 1127

ADDRESS Archa Cassel Community of Rce EDC	SHIP TO Archa Cassel Community of Rce EDC	DATE 09/25/2023	TOTAL \$12,850.87	
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DESCRIPTION	QTY	AMOUNT
Labor for electrician and 2 helpers	32	4,800.00
Trenching	1	1,150.00
Concrete bases for pole lights	1	1,250.00
Total material	1	5,650.87
City Lot for Food trucks	SUBTOTAL	12,850.87
Install pole lights and plugs for the community events	TAX	0.00
	TOTAL	\$12,850.87

THANK YOU.

Accepted By

Accepted Date



BUSINESS GRANT

The Rice EDC is focused on attracting and strengthening local businesses, and encouraging job creation to encourage economic development for the City of Rice. Our business grant program is designed with those goals in mind.

REQUIREMENTS

Read and initial each item to confirm that you understand and agree to the Business Grant Requirements.

- Applications must provide a comprehensive plan for how they will establish or grow their business. This should include a business description, details about products or services, qualifications and certifications, market analysis, number of employees and their roles, sales and revenue projections, and funding requirements.
- Business must be located/planning to be located in, or annexed into, within the city limits of The City of Rice.
- All application information must be truthful.
- Applicants must provide all the following documents (as applicable) with their application : Articles of Formation, State Sales Tax Certificate, DBA Documentation, IRS Form W-9, Social Security Number, Driver's License Number, and EIN Number
- Applicants must present their application to the EDC Board during the public forum portion of a scheduled meeting (see www.exit242.com for EDC meeting schedule). The EDC Board will contact you with any follow up questions up to a week after the meeting.
- Applicants must respond to any questions or concerns in a timely manner.
- Applicants must operate their business for at least 12 months from the date they receive their grant approval.
- Grant recipients are required to present a 60 day follow up to review their progress at a scheduled EDC Board Meeting. Recipients will be subject to a 6 month follow up by an EDC board member at the recipients place of business.

RESOURCES

Need help with your application? The Rice EDC offers one-on-one consultations, worksheets, and additional resources to help with business planning, grant applications, marketing, and more. Contact Archa Cassel at (903) 641-3409 or edc.cityofrice@gmail.com for more information.

Applicant Name (first/last): _____

Business Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

BUSINESS GRANT APPLICATION SCORE

Name of Business:

Metric	1-5	Notes and Concerns
Success Rate	2	Too many competitors.
Community Benefit	5	Will bring a sense of belonging in the city.
Uniqueness	1	No distinguishing features
Scalability	4	Easy to hire more people or open new locations.
Employment Potential	4	Easy onboarding and great benefits.
Funding Req	1	Seeking 2.3 million.
Total (30 max)	13	Needs improvement before being considered, no distinguishing features exist. Personal consulting would be next step in order to establish a competitive advtg.

Additional Notes, Questions for Business Owner.

Other Possible Solutions / Resources if Not Selected.



MINUTES
Rice Community Economic Development Corporation
Budget Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2023
6:00 PM
Rice City Hall
305 N. Dallas Street
Rice, TX 75155

Item 1: Roll Call

James Franks: Call Meeting to Order 6:10 pm
Members Present: James Franks, Garry Teague, Laura McGee, Rolando Chapa, Brandi Solomon

Members Absent: 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

Rolando Chapa gave updates about the Car Show Event, he suggested that he will allow local businesses to be present at the event to network

Item 5: Agenda Items

- a. Board Update: Mr. Franks
 - Mr. Franks gave an account of what was said by the Mayor in regard to the City Council being unhappy with EDC operations; and the possibility of dissolving the Board. There was discussion to address issues during the public forum portion of the following City Council meeting (09/12/23)
- b. Archa Update
 - Archa reviewed proposals received for the installation of the Big Ass Fan in the gym for \$18k, including electric. She also reviewed the Grant Application letter that was sent to Impact, and that the board should write a letter in regard to the donation/purchase of the McGee Family Estate Property Downtown
- c. Discuss and Deliberate Letter of Intent to Parks & Rec. Department. (see below)
- d. Discuss & Deliberate Date of Presentation to Parks & Rec
 - A motion was made by Brandi Solomon to table the proposed letter of intent and the date of presentation to the Parks & Rec. Dept., 2nd by Rolando Chapa; Ayes: James Franks, Garry Teague, Nays: None; Motion Passed
- e. Discuss and Deliberate EDC Grant Applications

- A motion was made by Brandi Solomon to approve the Turbo Express Grant Application, 2nd by James Franks; Ayes: Garry Teague, Laura McGee, Rolando Chapa Nays: None; Motion Passed
- f. Discuss Updates to the Business Improvement Grant Application
 - We discussed making sure the requirements were dominant, it was suggested that we do quarterly reviews/approvals of applications, we noted that the finalized grant application will need to be translated into Spanish.
- g. Discuss and Deliberate Closing Current Business Improvement Grand
 - Garry Teague made a motion to close the current grant application, 2nd by Laura McGee Ayes: James Franks, Rolando Chapa, Brandi Solomon Nays: None, Motion Passed
- h. Discuss and Deliberate Plan for Advertising
 - We reviewed a plan to use budget money and free opportunities to advertise online and in printed publications any business, event, or EDC news to promote economic development in Rice
A motion was made by Garry Teague to approve the plan, 2nd by Laura McGee Ayes: James Franks, Brandi Solomon, Rolando Chapa Nays: None, Motion Passed
- i. Discuss Project Approval Process per the TML EDC Handbook
 - We reviewed the process for having our projects approved, and made note that we should present as many of our 2024 projects as possible to the City Council at their next meeting.
- j. Discuss and Deliberate Minutes from 08/14/23 Budget Workshop
 - A motion was made by Garry Teague to approve the minutes, 2nd by Rolando Chapa, Ayes: James Franks, Laura McGee, Brandi Solomon Nays: None, motion passed
- k. Discuss and Deliberate Minutes from 08/14/23 Budget Meeting
 - A motion was made by Rolando Chapa to approve the minutes, 2nd by Garry Teague, Ayes: James Franks, Laura McGee, Brandi Solomon Nays: None, motion passed
- l. Discuss and Deliberate Financial Statement
 - We reviewed the line items, and noted the grant checks that had been written. Motion to approve the financial statement was made by Rolando Chapa 2nd by Garry Teague, Ayes: James Franks, Brandi Solomon, Laura McGee Nays: None, motion passed

Item 6: Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Brandi Solomon, 2nd by Laura McGee
 Ayes: James Franks, Garry Teague, Rolando Chapa
 Nays: None
 Meeting was adjourned

Attest: _____ Date: _____
 Secretary

Attest: _____ Date: _____
 Administrator