



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICE COMMUNITY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
RICE, TEXAS**

**October 28, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

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

**Minutes**

**1. Roll Call**

- a. Brandi Solomon
- b. Garry Teague (absent)
- c. Rolando Chapa
- d. James Franks
- e. Tonya Roberts
- f. Donna Gipson
- g. Sarah Farley
- h. Archa Cassel

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Texas Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Prayer**

**5. Public Forum**

**6. Agenda Items**

- a. Discuss and Deliberate Incentive Agreement for 2025
  - Application status from 2024 Business Development Grant
  - Storefront Improvement Incentive Application (2025)
- James made a motion to accept the current Storefront Grant, upon editing the DRC to the EDC. Tonya 2nd. Ayes - Rolando, Donna, Sarah, Brandi. Motion Passed.
- b. Discuss and Deliberate Downtown Plan – Phase 1
  - Lights: Placement, Purchase/Use Donated Lights
    - Tonya recommended having an architect draw our final vision of the downtown project.
    - James made a motion to table phase 1 until we have a workshop. Donna 2nd. Ayes - Rolando, Sarah, Tonya, Brandi. Motion Passed.

- Electricity: Placement of Outlets
  - Tabled for discussion during workshop.
- Flag Pole: Placement & Purchase
  - Current pole is broken, new pole location would be decided during our workshop.

c. Discuss and Deliberate Downtown Plan Phase 2

- Walking paths, concession stands, food truck parking, seating, covered space, etc. SEE EXAMPLE:

<https://youtu.be/kYZK-rlht9I?si=356WRHxwxdLA5f2M>

- Tabled for our workshop.

d. Discuss and Deliberate Financial Statement

- Tonya made a motion to accept the Financial Statement. Donna 2nd. Ayes - James, Sarah, Rolando and Brandi. Motion passed.

- See attachment

e. Discuss and Deliberate 09/09/24 Meeting Minutes

- See attachment

- Tonya made a motion to accept the minutes. James 2nd. Ayes - Brandi, Sarah, Rolando, Donna. Motion Passed.

**7. Adjourn**

Tonya made a motion to adjourn. James 2nd. Ayes - Brandi, Sarah, Rolando, Donna. Motion Passed.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator