



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

**Monday, December 15th, 2025
6:00 PM
Rice City Hall – Council Chambers
305 N. Dallas Street
Rice, TX 75155**

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

- a. Brandi Solomon
- b. Rolando Chapa
- c. Donna Gipson
- d. Sarah Farley
- e. Archa Cassel
- f. Tristine Slayton

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

3. Texas Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas State Flag

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

4. Prayer

5. Public Forum

6. Agenda Items

1. EDC Board Announcements
 - Downtown Project Status
 - Carolina Update
 - Discover Rice Promotion
 - Grants
 - Business HUB
2. Discuss and Deliberate EDC Room
 - Furniture (moving/buying/budget)
3. Discuss and Deliberate Downtown Ground Breaking Event
 - Date/Time/Budget
4. Discuss Plans for Pollan Family Park
 - Review property layout (building/parking)
 - Define target businesses
 - Consider a workshop with Planning and Zoning
5. Discuss 2026 Business/Economic Development Events
 - Goals/Theme/Attendees/Schedule
6. Discuss and Deliberate Financial Statement
See attached 11/2025
7. Discuss and Deliberate Meeting Minutes
See attached 11/2025

7. Adjourn

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board of City Hall, City of Rice, Texas, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, on the _____ day of _____ 2025 by _____ p.m., and remained posted for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Name

Title



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICE COMMUNITY
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**Monday, November 17th, 2025
6:00 PM
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305 N. Dallas Street
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MINUTES

1. Roll Call

- a. Brandi Solomon
- b. Rolando Chapa
- c. Donna Gipson
- d. Sarah Farley
- e. Archa Cassel - Late - 6:45
- f. Tristine Slayton - Late 6:19

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Texas Pledge of Allegiance

4. Prayer

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6. Agenda Items

1. Discuss Investment Account with David Perez via Zoom

- The EDC would have daily access over any deposited funds. We would also be in control of how much money is deposited and frequency of deposits.

2. Discuss and Deliberate an Investment Policy

- See attached
- Donna made a motion to accept the EDC investment policy. Sarah seconded. Ayes - Rolando, Brandi, Tristine. Motion passes.

3. EDC Board Announcements

- Property purchase for GW Pollan Property/Plans for Property
 - Property purchase has been finalized.
- Trenching and electric work to start week of 11/10
 - Awaiting a plan from the electrician for an inspection from the City.
- Budget adjustment approved by City Council
 - Budget adjustments will be handled in March. We already approved the funds to be moved from EDC Reserves to pay for the remainder of the EDC project.
- Carolina Update
 - Discover Rice – Holidays
 - Carolina has updated the existing Discover Rice campaign to have more of a Christmas theme.
 - Grants
 - Carolina has been looking into more grants and has pre-submitted for future grants.

4. Discuss and Deliberate purchasing Christmas Decorations for EDC Property

- If our light installation is complete by 12/13 we will allocate \$300 to Christmas decorations for our property.
- Tristine made a motion to allocate \$300 to Christmas decorations for our property. Rolando seconded. Ayes - Brandi, Sarah, Donna. Motion passes.

5. Discuss and Deliberate EDC Room for Business Hub

Use as an example of budget/time/move-in ready room to support updated Business Hub policies

- The City has offered to let us use a move-in ready room in the business hub. The EDC will still look to renovate a different room in order to create a renovation budget and timeline of an example for a future tenant.
- Archa made a motion to start putting together bids for a room renovation and move into the move-in ready room. Donna seconded. Ayes - Rolando, Brandi, Tristine, Sarah. Motion passes.

6. Discuss and Deliberate Financial Statement

See attached 10/2025

- Donna made a motion to accept the financial statement. Rolando seconded. Ayes - Sarah, Tristine, Brandi. Motion Passes

7. Discuss and Deliberate Meeting Minutes

See attached 10/2025

- Archa made a motion to accept the minutes. Donna seconded. Ayes - Rolando, Sarah, Brandi. Motion passes

7. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned 7:05

Attest: _____ Date: _____ Secretary

Attest: _____ Date: _____ Administrator