



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

**Monday, February 23rd, 2026
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. Prayer

3. 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."

4. 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."

5. **Public Forum**

Sarah Farley

6. **Agenda Items**

1. Discuss Bylaws and Deliberate any Adjustments
<https://exit242.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/EDC-Bylaws-03-08-24.pdf>
2. EDC Board Announcements
 - Downtown Status/Review notes from P&Z Workshop
 - Carolina Update
 - Shirts
 - Groundbreaking Event **Thursday 02/26/2026, members of the Pollan Family Estate will be present. NavCo has been invited.
 - Grants
 - Business Hub Furniture/Move-in
 - Discount Tire site proposal
3. Discuss and Deliberate Details for Discover Rice
 - Networking Event: Thursday May 7th at 6PM
Educational session - How to utilize SBDC/Market Research for demographic information, population and commuter statistics
EDC Announcements: Storefront Improvement Grant
 - Pop-up Events to encourage business in downtown (Farmer's Market, empty buildings, etc)
4. Discuss and Deliberate Financial Statement
See attached 01/2026
5. Discuss and Deliberate Meeting Minutes
See attached 01/2026

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

City of Rice Financial Statement As of January 31, 2026

950 - Rice EDC	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	% of Budget	Budget Remaining
Revenue Summary							
Sales & Property Taxes	4,351.60	4,400.00	(48.40)	17,266.87	52,800.00	32.70%	35,533.13
EDC Account Carry Forward Year End	0.00	12,430.00	(12,430.00)	0.00	149,160.00	0.00%	149,160.00
Revenue Totals	4,351.60	16,830.00	(12,478.40)	17,266.87	201,960.00	8.55%	184,693.13
Expense Summary							
Personnel/Payroll	470.00	1,041.66	(571.66)	2,050.00	12,500.00	16.40%	10,450.00
Office & Supplies	0.00	170.83	(170.83)	68.88	2,050.00	3.36%	1,981.12
Operating Expense	0.00	266.66	(266.66)	60.00	3,200.00	1.88%	3,140.00
Legal & Professional Fees	0.00	166.66	(166.66)	0.00	2,000.00	0.00%	2,000.00
Community Programs & Donations	8,605.84	2,083.33	6,522.51	9,004.55	25,000.00	36.02%	15,995.45
Capital	0.00	5,833.33	(5,833.33)	52,205.05	70,000.00	74.58%	17,794.95
Grant Expense	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	0.00	30,000.00	0.00%	30,000.00
EDC Reserves	0.00	4,767.50	(4,767.50)	0.00	57,210.00	0.00%	57,210.00
Expense Totals	9,075.84	16,829.97	(7,754.13)	63,388.48	201,960.00	31.39%	138,571.52

City of Rice
 Financial Statement
 As of January 31, 2026

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950 - Rice EDC	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	% of Budget	Budget Remaining
Sales & Property Taxes							
950-4132 4B Economic Development Sales	4,351.60	4,400.00	(48.40)	17,266.87	52,800.00	32.70%	35,533.13
Sales & Property Taxes Totals	4,351.60	4,400.00	(48.40)	17,266.87	52,800.00	32.70%	35,533.13
EDC Account Carry Forward Year End Estimated Balance							
950-8001 EDC Account Carry Forward Year	0.00	12,430.00	(12,430.00)	0.00	149,160.00	0.00%	149,160.00
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Capital		0.00	5,833.33	(5,833.33)	52,205.05	70,000.00	74.58%	17,794.95
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Operating Expense		0.00	266.66	(266.66)	60.00	3,200.00	1.88%	3,140.00
Personnel/Payroll		470.00	1,041.66	(571.66)	2,050.00	12,500.00	16.40%	10,450.00
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950 - Rice EDC	Current	Current	Budget	YTD	Annual	% Budget	Budget
EDC General Administration	Month Actual	Month Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Used	Remaining
950-10-5109 Contract Labor	470.00	833.33	(363.33)	2,050.00	10,000.00	20.50%	7,950.00
950-10-5201 Office Supplies	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	0.00	1,500.00	0.00%	1,500.00
950-10-5202 Printing Supplies	0.00	25.00	(25.00)	68.88	300.00	22.96%	231.12
950-10-5203 Postage	0.00	20.83	(20.83)	0.00	250.00	0.00%	250.00
950-10-5206 Training Expense	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	0.00	2,500.00	0.00%	2,500.00
950-10-5211 Electric Service	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00	1,200.00	0.00%	1,200.00
950-10-5223 Audit Expense	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%	1,000.00
950-10-5224 Legal and Professional Fees	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%	1,000.00
950-10-5227 Advertising	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	60.00	1,000.00	6.00%	940.00
950-10-5229 Public & Employee Relations	108.84	416.67	(307.83)	157.55	5,000.00	3.15%	4,842.45
950-10-5452 Hardware/Software	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%	1,000.00
950-10-5700 Property Acquisitions	0.00	5,833.33	(5,833.33)	52,205.05	70,000.00	74.58%	17,794.95
950-10-5702 Business Improvement	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	0.00	30,000.00	0.00%	30,000.00
950-10-8009 EDC Reserves	0.00	4,767.50	(4,767.50)	0.00	57,210.00	0.00%	57,210.00
950-10-9501 Recreational Improvements	0.00	833.33	(833.33)	0.00	10,000.00	0.00%	10,000.00
950-10-9502 EDC Property Improvements	8,497.00	833.33	7,663.67	8,847.00	10,000.00	88.47%	1,153.00
EDC General Administration Totals	9,075.84	16,829.97	(7,754.13)	63,388.48	201,960.00	31.39%	138,571.52
Expense Totals	9,075.84	16,829.97	(7,754.13)	63,388.48	201,960.00	31.39%	138,571.52



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

Monday, January 12th, 2026

6:00 PM

Rice City Hall – Council Chambers

305 N. Dallas Street

Rice, TX 75155

MEETING MINUTES

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

3. Texas Pledge of Allegiance

4. Prayer

5. Public Forum

6. Agenda Items

- 1.** Designate Mayor Christi Campbell as Signatory in the absence of a City Administrator
- City Council will vote 01/15/2026

Rolando made a motion to make Mayor Campbell as a Signatory for the EDC. Donna seconded.
Ayes - Sarah, Tristine, Archa, Brandi. Motion passes.

2. EDC Board Announcements

- a.** Downtown Status/Workshop for Planning & Zoning new space The EDC will work with the Planning and Zoning and City Council to schedule a workshop regarding our Downtown Properties.
- b.** Carolina Update
 - i.** Groundbreaking Event - Carolina has provided a refreshment budget (\$155) for our event.
 - ii.** Grants - Carolina has found a micro grant for \$1,000, she is also looking into another grant with a due date of Feb 1st. She is also looking to reapply for the Moran grant. These will be used towards phase two of the downtown project.

iii. Business Hub Furniture - Carolina has provided a furniture budget (\$630) for our EDC room

3. Discuss and Deliberate ordering Furniture for EDC Room

Rolando made a motion to allow Carolina to order the furniture for the EDC room as long as she stays under the \$1,000 budget we set. Donna seconded. Ayes - Brandi, Sarah, Archa, Tristine. Motion passes.

4. Discuss and Deliberate Business Hub Advise ment to City Council

Review documentation; including building assessment, Goals and Operations outline, etc. to be presented at the City Council Meeting in February.

Rolando made a motion to present City Council with our recommendation to allow a 3rd party to manage the business hub and any improvements. Archa seconded. Ayes - Donna, Brandi, Tristine, Sarah. Motion passes.

5. Discuss and Deliberate 2026 Business/Economic Development Quarterly Events
Goals/Theme/Attendees/Schedule

EDC deliberated that May 7th Thursday 6pm will be our first event. New grant reveal, networking, and polling businesses for our next event.

Rolando made a motion that the first event of 2026 will be on 5/7/26 at 6pm and \$1,000 will be allocated from Public and Employee Relations towards this event. Donna seconded. Ayes - Brandi, Sarah, Tristine, Archa. Motion passes.

6. Discuss and Deliberate Financial Statement

See attached 12/2025

Donna made a motion to accept the Financial Statement. Tristine seconded. Ayes - Sarah, Rolando, Brandi, Archa. Motion Passes

7. Discuss and Deliberate Meeting Minutes

See attached 12/2025

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

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:14