

PAMPA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes from  
August 15, 2019

PRESENT: Gary Sutherland, Glennette Goode, Cay Warner, Troy Newton, Bill Roy and Bill Bridges

ABSENT: Dru Chidester

ALSO PRESENT: Clay Rice, Vanessa Buzzard, Spencer McElhannon, David Dickerson, Shane Stokes, John Lee and Debbie Winegeart

CALL TO ORDER: President Sutherland called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Clay Rice opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes

A motion was made by Board Member Goode to approve the July 18, 2019 minutes, Board Member Bridges seconded, with each Board Member voting AYE, the motion carried.

Citizens Forum

There were no public comments during the meeting.

Clarendon College Presentation by Dr. Riza

Dr. Riza discussed a grant that is available between the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and local Economic Development Corporations. The grant is a 50/50 split between the two agencies to help procure a Skill Boss - Career and Technical Education (CTE) equipment that can help area individuals access the top 10 jobs in the state of Texas. The equipment Clarendon College is requesting funding for is part of a series of stackable credentials that actually begin in a series of online courses. The equipment is necessary for the students to access the second series of credentials that lead to higher paying positions. These courses can be offered to high school students through dual credit classes and these students will be able to access the other credentials through the summer or fall semesters. The program will be based out of Clarendon College – Pampa Center. The equipment is portable and will be used at the three Clarendon College Campus'. The equipment costs approximately \$22,000,00 and would be split among the EDCs and the Texas Workforce Commission. If the cost is higher than projected, the College will cover any remaining balance.

A motion was made by Board Member Goode to approve a grant of up to \$22,000.00 to Clarendon College for the purchase of a portable Career and Technical Training and Certification Equipment to be based in Clarendon College- Pampa Center .The Pampa EDC shall fund the project on or before November 30, 2019 subject to possible contributions by Clarendon EDC, Childress EDC, and the Texas Workforce Commission. Board Member Newton seconded, with each Board Member voting AYE, the motion carried.

Report from Clay Rice, Executive Director

Calendar/Schedule

- Rice attended the North Texas Panhandle Rural Economic Development Tourism Roundtable in Borger, TX.
- Rice, Attorney Buzzard, Gary Sutherland and Debbie Winegeart attended Gray County Commissioner's Meeting on August 15, 2019 to request a renewal of the Reinvestment Zone at PEC. The Gray County Commissioners approved the renewal request.
- Discussion was held about possibly changing the date of the regularly scheduled Pampa EDC Board Meeting in September 2019. As of date it will be September 19, 2019.

Goode Presented the Treasurer's Report

Executive Session

The Board of Directors met in closed session at 4:59 p.m., in accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.074 and Section 551.087.

Open Session

President Sutherland reconvened the Board in open session at 5:13 p.m.

No action was taken by the Board of Directors concerning any discussion held in Executive Session.

Date and time of next meeting

The next scheduled meeting for the Pampa EDC will be September 19, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at 107 E. Foster, Pampa, Texas.

Adjournment

With no further business on the agenda Board Member Goode made a motion to adjourn at 6:01p.m., Board Member Newton seconded, with each Board Member voting AYE the motion carried.

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Gary Sutherland, President

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Debbie Winegeart Admin. Assistant