

SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371
May 5, 2025, at 6:00pm

Members Present: Kurtz Stowers, Mark Porter, Billy Lacoste, Kolton Purvis, Pam Ellis

Members Absent: Wendell Williams, Charles Minton,

Others Present: Debra Hagler, Lauren Migl

CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Kurtz Stowers called the meeting to order. He welcomed Pam Ellis as the newest board member.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mark Porter made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting. Kolton Purvis seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mark Porter made a motion to pay the bills. Billy LaCoste seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on potentially hiring a grant writer to help us pursue additional funding opportunities.

Mark Porter made a motion to investigate the availability of grant writers by talking to Ray Vann to determine a suitable pool to be able to make a recommendation to City Council. Kolton Purvis seconded the motion, and the vote passed with a unanimous vote. Kolton provided some research on the value of having a grant writer. Lauren also volunteered to inquire of her network for a possible recommendation or experience information can be gleaned for any of them.

Strategy session on protecting existing residents while attracting sustainable growth to Shepherd.

No Action was taken on this item. Mark stated he read over it but would prefer to discuss it after hearing the zoning presentation at the next council meeting. Kolton will also be presenting this to the City Council.

Discuss and take action regarding maintenance needs at the EDC Property at 11231 Hwy 150 -need to pressure wash the building and the gutters needs to be cleaned out.

It was determined that "we need to take care of our building." Lauren and Matt were able to move this project forward and the work has been completed.

Discuss and take action to designate check signers and other banking documents at People's State Bank.

No Action was needed on this item. The current signers are Kurtz Stowers, Billy LaCoste and Debra Hagler.

Discuss and take action to designate a Vice President.

Billy LaCoste made a motion to appoint Mark Porter as the Vice President. Pam Ellis seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The board entered into executive session to listen to Lauren's report.

The board adjourned executive session with no action needed.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A reminder regarding the Zoning Presentation at the next City Council meeting was given. Also, the groundbreaking for Tractor Supply was briefly discussed.

ADJOURN: 7:05pm

Mark Porter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pam Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Approved by: _____
Kurtz Stowers, EDC President
*Prepared by Debra Hagler