

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LAMPASAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020
JACK CALVERT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
302 EAST THIRD STREET
12 P.M.**

The Lampasas Economic Development Corporation of the City of Lampasas met in regular session on the above date with President Charlie Pratus, III presiding.

LEDC Members Present:

Steve Hudson
Neal Leavell
TJ Monroe
Misti Talbert
Charlie Pratus

LEDC Members Absent:

Roland Schaub
Ronnie Vineyard
Bobby Carroll – Ex-Officio
David Millican – Ex- Officio

City Staff Present:

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager/Executive Director
Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director

**REGULAR SESSION
12 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

President Pratus called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

II. Open forum for citizen comments and questions (limited to five (5) minutes per person)

Dr. James Cain spoke on the importance of safety when businesses begin to reopen and how to assist them in order to protect customers and employees.

III. Discussion and possible action regarding COVID-19 Emergency Grant Program

Topics of discussion included:

- Funding; how much will be allocated to this program
- Who will sit on the Review Committee; requested (2) staff members and (3) board members
- Should maximum amount per applicant be more than \$2,000
- Maximum amount suggested at \$3,000 per applicant

- Part of the grant process to include asking the applicant if they need assistance in applying for federal programs and if so, LEDC would be willing to pay up to a certain amount for a professional accountant to assist them
- Another topic was distributing information on safety procedures once a business may reopen; how to keep customers and employees safe
- Also important to include a disclaimer with the following language:

The Lampasas Economic Development Corporation is a Type B Corporation formed under the authority granted in Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code to promote business development. In accordance with Section 552 of the Texas Government Code (Public Information Act), information and documents related to this application may be subject to disclosure.

Board member Talbert moved to approve the Emergency Grant Program and not to exceed \$100,000.00 in funding. The motion was seconded by Board member Hudson and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Schaub, Carroll, Millican and Vineyard absent)

Additionally, there was a second motion to form a Review Committee with the ability to award grants and be the final decision. The committee will be made up of Board member Talbert, Board member Monroe, Board president Pratus, along with staff members Mandy Walsh and Finley deGraffenried.

Board member Hudson moved to approve the Review Committee. The motion was seconded by Board member Monroe and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Schaub, Carroll, Millican and Vineyard absent)

IV. Items that the Board Members may request to be placed on the next agenda

Board president Pratus stated moving the agenda items which were scheduled for the March meeting to the May meeting. Board member Talbert asked to include an update on the Emergency Grant Program at the May meeting.

V. Adjourn

Board member Monroe moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Hudson and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Schaub, Vineyard, Millican and Carroll absent)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Charlie Pratus III, President

Vicki Tower, Assistant City Secretary