

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LAMPASAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD  
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020  
JACK CALVERT MUNICIPAL BUILDING BOARD ROOM  
302 EAST THIRD STREET  
5:30 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  
TJ Monroe  
Roland Schaub  
David Millican - Ex-Officio  
Neal Leavell  
Misti Talbert

**LEDC Members Absent:**

Ronnie Vineyard  
Bobby Carroll – Ex-Officio

**City Staff Present:**

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager/Executive Director  
Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director  
Chasity Shifflett, Administrative Assistant

**REGULAR SESSION  
12:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

President Pratus called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

There were no citizen comments.

III. Discussion and possible action concerning approval of the minutes dated August 19, 2020

Board President Pratus moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board member Talbert. The motion carried unanimously. (Vineyard and Carroll absent)

IV. Discussion and possible action regarding the Lampasas County Higher Education Center request for funding FY 20-21

Presentation with Derrick Berrios, Director of the Lampasas County Higher Education Center (LCHEC), included:

- Mission – to provide high quality education and job training
- Over 1,000 Central Texas College students have taken courses at the LCHEC facility since 2010.
- Since 2011, over 550 students have been certified through Allied healthcare training courses with an average starting wage of \$11.25 per hour.
- 545 students have attended adult community education courses.
- Since 2012, over 700 children have participated in “College for Kids” program.
- Overall, more than 3,000 have participated in programs at LCHEC since 2010.
- Only institution offering GED preparation within 33-mile radius.
- Berrios thanked LEDC for their support.
- Requesting \$8,500.00 from LEDC because LCHEC received \$1,500 from LEDC earlier this year from the Covid Relief Grant.
- Covid closed LCHEC from early March to early May.
- Learning suspended for over 75 students at that time.
- There were two (2) active Allied Health classes, a GED prep and CTC classes being held at LCHEC at that time.
- The Allied Health classes were able to resume in late May and graduate by early August, CTC classes and the GED prep program has not returned to LCHEC and is suspended for the foreseeable future.
- LCHEC lost two (2) instructors due to them being frontline workers and three (3) students permanently during this time; was able to replace one (1) instructor recently and actively searching for another.

Board member Talbert advised that the \$1,500 LCHEC received earlier this year for Covid relief should not be deducted from the amount of \$10,000 the LEDC budgeted to give them this year.

Board member Talbert moved to give \$10,000 to LCHEC. The motion was seconded by Board member Schaub and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Vineyard and Carroll absent)

V. Discussion and possible action regarding development & funding of Phase 1 infrastructure for the LEDC Business Park

Mandy Walsh reviewed the development and funding with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Walsh reported the grant writers hope to have application completed to submit in October.
- Walsh has been working with the prospect on information for the impact study
- Walsh advised the Board that she has received approximately ten (10) support letters

and five (5) impact letters from other businesses.

No action taken.

VI. Discussion and possible action regarding the election of officers for the LEDC Board

Board Member Talbert moved to recommend reappointment of Charlie Pratus, III as Board President for the Lampasas Economic Development Corporation Board, Steve Hudson as Vice President and Roland Schaub as Treasurer of the Board. The motion was seconded by Board Member Leavell. The motion carried unanimously. (Vineyard and Carroll absent)

VII. Update and possible action regarding Financials for August 2020

Mandy Walsh reviewed the financials with the Board. Receipt was acknowledged without formal action.

No action taken.

VIII. Update on the following:

1.) County Updates

There were no updates on the County due to the absence of Ex-officio member Carroll.

2.) Lampasas Independent School District Updates

David Millican, LISD Ex-officio member, reviewed the following:

- Enrollment is 3,390
- 25-30% of students are learning remotely and are required to stay in remote learning for the first nine (9) weeks.
- Eight (8) confirmed Covid cases that affected the district; 256 quarantined and none tested positive or showed symptoms.
- Survey for Pre-K through fourth grade students resulted in those students not being required to wear a mask.

3.) Staff Updates

Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director, reviewed the following:

- Internet Project – Walsh discussed with the Board that Roll Call and NextLink have finalized their pole attachment agreements. NextLink will start on west side of town, while RollCall will begin southeast of town.
- EDA Grant - Walsh reminded the Board that they are planning to have the grant submitted by October.

- Development – Walsh advised the Board that Alamo Coffee has relocated and will now have a drive through. Walsh informed the Board that Heritage Funeral Home is moving forward with their building plans. The prospect interested in the Aaron’s Rentals building is getting more information for Walsh so she can help them oversee the project.
- IEDC/TDA – Walsh advised that IEDC is holding their first virtual conference this year. Rates for the conference have decreased due to it being virtual this year. The Texas Downtown Association is also holding a virtual conference this year. She welcomed Board members to attend any of the sessions with her.
- Ladies’ Night – Ladies’ Night on the Square is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>. Walsh advised the Board that stores will be following CDC guidelines and they are hoping for another successful event.

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

- EDA Grant Update
- CARES Act Update
- Strategic Plan

X. Adjourn

Board member Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Leavell and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Vineyard and Carroll absent)

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Charlie Pratus III, President

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Chasity Shifflett, Administrative Assistant