

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LAMPASAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - CONFERENCE ROOM
312 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:

Misti Talbert
Neal Leavell
Ronnie Vineyard
TJ Monroe
Roland Schaub (arrived at 5:32 p.m.)
Bobby Carroll - Ex-Officio
David Millican - Ex-Officio

LEDC Members Absent:

Steve Hudson

City Staff Present:

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager/Executive Director
Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director
Vicki Tower, Assistant City Secretary

**REGULAR SESSION
5:30 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. Presentation by Nextlink Internet

Roland Schaub arrived at 5:32 p.m.

Presentation by Nextlink Internet.

Topics included:

- Nextlink Internet will be serving Lampasas County based on their obligations through the Connect America Fund (CAF)
- Has been in business since 2012
- Currently, operate about 600 towers and constructed about 300 of those towers in house
- Lampasas County coverage – 15 towers to build, 644 FCC locations to serve, \$1.5 million invested over 120 months
- Burnet County will have a few towers that bleed over into Lampasas County coverage
- Obligated to provide at least 25/3 speed to Lampasas County through CAF
- Plan to have towers in Texas completed in 2020
- Hope to have Lampasas County completed by first quarter of 2020

IV. Discussion and possible action concerning the election of officers

Board member Talbert moved to elect Board member Pratus as President, Board member Hudson as Vice President and Board member Schaub as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Board member Vineyard and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Hudson absent)

V. Discussion and possible action concerning approval of the minutes dated September 18, 2019

Board member Talbert moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board member Vineyard and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Hudson absent)

VI. Update and possible action regarding September Financials

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager/Executive Director, reviewed the September Financials with the Board.

No action was taken.

VII. Discussion and possible action regarding funding amount in support of LCHEC, Vision Lampasas and Christmas on the Creek as budgeted

Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director, discussed with the Board, funding amount in support of LCHEC, Vision Lampasas and Christmas on the Creek as budgeted.

Board member Schaub moved to give \$10,000.00 to LCHEC. The motion was seconded by Board member Vineyard and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Hudson absent)

Board member Schaub moved to give \$10,000.00 to Vision Lampasas with \$5,000.00 of it for Christmas on the Creek. The motion was seconded by Board member Vineyard and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Hudson absent)

VIII. Update on the following:

- 1.) County and LISD Updates

Bobby Carroll, County Ex-Officio member, reviewed the following:

- Jail project
- Old house near new jail

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

- Enrollment keeps going up – at approximately 3,425

2.) Staff Updates

Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director, reviewed the following:

- Beautification Projects – Walsh told the Board that she is currently working with Andy Fish and Debbie Reynolds on a number of downtown revitalizations, beautification and historic preservation projects.
- Internet Project – Nextlink Internet – discussed under Item III.
- Workforce Development Luncheon
 - The next Workforce Development Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, November 15, 2019
 - Brings local business owners/executives/HR representatives together to discuss various local workforce skills training and courses
 - Presenters will be LCHEC, LHS CTE, CTC and Workforce Solutions of Central Texas
 - Have new training programs to share with local HR representatives
- TML – Staff attended the TML Conference this year and won a \$2,500.00 beautification grant from Waste Connections
- Hostess House
 - The City has taken over management of the Hostess House
 - Will be promoting it as a destination event venue once a few minor repairs and maintenance issues are taken care of
 - Hoping to give it a facelift with some minor interior/exterior decorations – particularly for weddings and holidays
- DDOCT – Walsh told the Board that her intern, Cole Wheeler, will be creating a video regarding his internship with the LEDC per the Development District of Central Texas (DDOCT) request. Walsh said that she will give a presentation regarding his internship on November 21, 2019 in Belton.
- Retail Development – new retail development at 1702 Central Texas Expressway
 - Development should be complete by Summer 2020

- Featuring a Golden Chick along with a pizza concept and game room
- Will also have space for 1-2 additional tenants with 1,500-3,000 square foot available

IX. Adjourn into Executive Session

President Pratus adjourned into executive session at 6:52 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of the Lampasas Economic Development Corporation will meet in closed Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, as follows:

1. Section 551.087 (economic development) - (1) to receive and evaluate financial information received from a business prospect, to discuss same, and /or to deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the LEDC has received from a business prospect that the LEDC seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the city, with which the LEDC is conducting economic development negotiations; and/or (2) to deliberate an offer of any financial or other incentives to any business prospect described above.
2. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Session.

Executive session was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

X. Discussion and possible action regarding Executive Session items

There was no action taken.

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

- Engineering services for the Business Park by Eckermann Engineering
- Update from owner of Hermann Feed building

XII. Adjourn

Board member Talbert moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Schaub and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Hudson absent)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Charlie Pratus III, President

Vicki Tower, Assistant City Secretary