

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LAMPASAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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
Steve Hudson
Ronnie Vineyard
TJ Monroe
Bobby Carroll - Ex-Officio
David Millican - Ex-Officio

LEDC Members Absent:

Neal Leavell
Roland Schaub

City Staff Present:

Gary Cox, Assistant City Manager
Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director
Vicki Tower, Administrative 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. Discussion and possible action concerning approval of the minutes dated August 21, 2019

Board member Hudson moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board member Vineyard with a vote of 6 in favor and one abstention (Pratus), the motion carried. (Leavell and Schaub absent)

IV. Update and possible action regarding June, July and August Financials

Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director, reviewed the June, July and August Financials with the Board.

No action was taken.

Board member Talbert moved to table Item V. The motion was seconded by Board member Hudson and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Leavell and Schaub absent)

V. Presentation by Mike Cour with Eco-Strong LLC

VI. Update on the following:

1.) County and LISD Updates

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

- Working on Budget
- Jail project is moving along and should be ready by end of January 2020

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

- Enrollment keeps going up - mainly at Middle School and High School
- Enrollment was 3,421 as of September 13, 2019
- State mandated Pre-K program at each Elementary campus – plan to have program started by August 2020 – probably 50% State funded
- UIL numbers – should stay in 4A bracket

2.) Staff Updates

Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director, reviewed the following:

- Congressman Meeting – Walsh told the Board that City Staff, the Mayor and members of Langford Community Management met with Congressman Roger Williams and his staff regarding the application for the ReConnect Pilot Program. Walsh told the Board that Congressman Williams believes that Lampasas has a very compelling story and could possibly receive Federal funding for the internet project; he stated he would work on this through his channels, but no guarantee.
- Downtown Development
 - Future occupancy of several downtown buildings including 317 E. Third, 415 E. Third, 511/513 E. Third, 406 E. Third and 405 S. Pecan
 - Existing downtown building/business owners want to “spruce up” their property due to the increased activity
- Workforce Development

- Career & Technology Education (CTE) Director, Julie Salvato, presented at the CTE Advisory Board meeting on September 10, 2019 concerning current CTE programs at Lampasas High School, projections for the future and TEA approved list of industry-based certifications that Lampasas High School offers
- Charley Ayres, Director of Industry/Education Partnerships with Central Texas Workforce Solutions, also presented at the CTE Advisory Board on September 10, 2019 regarding the Student Occupational Awareness & Recognition (SOAR) program
- Increased Interest
 - Commercial property in Lampasas and the Business Park
 - Residential development is spurring more retail development
 - Developers and site selectors looking for locations for clients – particularly along Key Avenue and Central Texas Expressway
 - Mike Irvin has expressed interest in developing a few properties that he has recently acquired – property near East 4th Street Bridge and the former Locker Plant
- Business Park
 - Eckermann Engineering is proceeding with developing the Business Park plans
 - Updated the models to reflect the wider ROW and flat area to accommodate future sidewalks
 - Have had several prospect inquiries in the past couple of months
- Comprehensive Plan
 - Great response from the community survey – over 600 completed online and over 20 hard copy responses
 - Extended deadline to September 16, 2019 to complete surveys
 - Gap in responses – 40 and under with children at home, particularly males
 - Next CPAC meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 22 at 6:00 p.m., location to be determined

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

- Election of Officers for the LEDC Board

VIII. Adjourn

Board member Vineyard moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Talbert and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Leavell and Schaub absent)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Charlie Pratus III, President

Vicki Tower, Assistant City Secretary