

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LAMPASAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS
JACK CALVERT MUNICIPAL BUILDING BOARD ROOM
302 EAST THIRD STREET
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

The Lampasas Economic Development Corporation of the City of Lampasas met in regular session on the above date with President Talbert presiding.

LEDC Members Present:

Roland Schaub
Steve Hudson
Neal Leavell
T.J. Monroe
Ronnie Vineyard
Sid Ball
David Millican-Ex-Officio
Bobby Carroll- Ex Officio

LEDC Members Absent:

N/A

City Staff Present:

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager/Executive Director
Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director
Becky Sims, City Secretary
Lupe Charping, Administrative Secretary

**REGULAR SESSION
5:30 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

President Talbert 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 regarding approval of the minutes dated July 21, 2021

Board member Monroe moved to approve the minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Board member Schaub and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

IV. Discussion

Chris Huffman, Area Manager presented the following:

- Nextlink was founded in 2012

- Customers in 6 states, 70,0000 subscribers, 700 employees, 1200+ towers
- CAF II Funding (Connect America Funding)
 - \$281M awarded to provide broadband to underserved rural customers across 6 states
- 590 City of Lampasas Pole Attachments
- 15.94 Miles Built
- 405 Households Passed
 - 31-Fawn Acres
 - 42-Horeshoe Bend
 - 121-Stone Valley
 - 101-West Key Avenue
 - 110-East Key Avenue
- 23 Nextlink employees in Lampasas
- 7 Nexlink Fiber Construction employees in Lampasas
- Estimated Completion Date for City of Lampasas – August 6, 2022
- Downtown (CBD)
 - Construction Completed August 6, 2021
 - Splicing and Testing Underway
 - Project Release Date September 13, 2021
 - 347 New Homes/Businesses Available
- West Lampasas Neighborhoods
 - Lampasas Spring
 - Start Date: August 30, 2021
 - North Lampasas Spring
 - Start Date: October 11, 2021
 - West Lampasas
 - Start Date: December 7, 2021
 - Total Houses 1274
 - Total Complete 68%

Group discussion:

- Fiber to home vs. wireless (line of sight to tower)
- Better Communication
 - Community awareness of options
- Lampasas Community Group Meetings
 - Broaden Nextlink exposure
- Dedicated fiber lines will be available for Business Park

- V. Discussion and possible action regarding Additional Services Amendment No 2. from Eckermann Engineering, Inc. to provide additional consulting civil engineering services for the Business Park Roadway and Utility Improvements, Phase I.

Board member Hudson moved to approve the Additional Services Amendment No 2 in the amount of \$20,700.00, the motion was seconded by Board member Schaub and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Ball abstained)

VI. Discussion and possible action regarding Business Park Zoning Districts

Becky Sims, City Secretary provided the Board with the proposed Zoning Districts that were presented in early 2017 for discussion, amendments and feedback prior to adoption. Board President Talbert, Vice President Hudson and LEDC Director Walsh suggests that the board wait until there are viable prospects for the Business Park to determine appropriate Zoning Districts.

Ms. Walsh also advised the Board of the Architectural Control Committee as part of the covenants for the Business Park that will consist of two (2) LEDC members and one appointed member that will review development plans to encourage consistent development throughout the property.

There was no formal action taken. The Zoning Districts will be placed on a future agenda.

VII. Update and possible action regarding July Financial statements

Board member Monroe moved to accept the July Financial Statements as presented, the motion was seconded by Board member Schaub and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Ball abstained)

VIII. Update on the following:

County Update

Bobby Carroll provided an update on the following

- Jail Staffing
- Road Patching
- Budget
- Tax Rate

LISD Update

David Millican provided an update on the following

- Enrollment is up for 2021
- Budget/Tax Rate
- Short on Teachers, Aides/Administrative
- Public Hearing August 30 to adopt Tax Rate
- 2 Subdivisions being built in LISD Districts

Staff Update

Mandy Walsh, EDC Director provided an updated on the following:

- Congressman Roger Williams Visit, September 10th at Alamo Coffee.
- LCHEC applying for the 2021 USDA Rural Cooperation Development Grant
- West Oaks independent Living Community is planning an expansion
- Eclipse 2024 Event
- Whataburger planning to open August 30 at 11:00

IX. Adjourn- Board member Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.; Board member Vineyard seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Misti Talbert, President

Becky Sims, City Secretary