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The Economic Development Board of the City of Palestine convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 11:30 a.m., at PEDC Office, 100 Willow Creek Pkwy, Suite A, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present: Vice President Suzanne Eiben; Directors: Linda Dickens, Dan Bochsler, Joseph Thompson, and Charles Drane.

Staff present: Administrative Assistant Lisa Bowman, City Manager Teresa Herrera, Finance Director Andrew Sibai

Others Present: Megan J. Mikutis of Randle Law Office Ltd., L.L.P.

Director Linda Dickens arrived at 11:35 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Vice President Suzanne Eiben called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

PROPOSED CHANGES OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no proposed changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

There were none.

ITEMS FROM BOARD

There were none.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. Quarterly update from Golden Shovel Agency.

The Board reviewed the quarterly report, and Director Thompson suggested the Golden Shovel Agency program be reviewed when a new EDC director is appointed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider approval of PEDC Minutes from September 15, 2022.

Motion by Director Bochsler, seconded by Director Thompson to approve item as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 4-0. (Director Dickens not present at time of vote)

2. Consider Approval of September 2022 PEDC Financial Statement.

Motion by Director Bochsler, seconded by Director Thompson to approve item as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Eiben announced the Board would go into Closed Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D. The time was 11:36 a.m.

1. Section 551.074 personnel matters: to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
2. Section 551.087 deliberation regarding Economic Development negotiations: Prospects #1038, #1041, & #1042

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

Vice President Eiben reconvened the Board into open session at 12:22 p.m.

1. Section 551.074 personnel matters: to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
 - a. Take any action regarding personnel matters.

Motion by Director Boschler, seconded by Director Drane to extend an offer of employment to Christophe Trahan for the title of Director for Palestine Economic Development. Upon vote, motion carried 3-1 (Nay: Director Dickens) (Abstained: Director Thompson)

2. Section 551.087 deliberation regarding Economic Development negotiations: Prospects #1038, #1041, & #1042
 - a. Take any action regarding Economic Development negotiations: Prospects #1038, #1041, & #1042

Motion by Director Thompson, seconded by Director Drane to extend the Land Option Agreements for an additional 90 days for Prospects #1038, #1041, & #1042. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 5-0.

ADJOURN


With no other business to come before the Board, Vice President Eiben adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m., and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20TH DAY OF October 2022



Ben Campbell, President

ATTEST:



Lisa Bowman, Administrative Assistant

