Bellville Economic Development Corporation 10 March 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

President Monte Byrd called the Regular Meeting of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation to order at **4:06pm**, Thursday, March 10, 2011, in the Council Meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

An invocation was offered and the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag were recited.

Present were: **Delwin Rettig, Monte Byrd, Clark McKinley, and Danny Jacob. C. L. Roy** joined late. **Robert Buckner** was absent. A quorum was certified. .

The Motion to adopt the Agenda as posted carried unanimously after amendment to consider item #10 after item #13, Executive Session.

Agenda Item #4

Public Comment and Grant applications

Susan Suscona (sp), Sally Nuergard (sp) and Vastene Olier spoke in support of continued funding for CVT. There were no grant applications presented.

Agenda Item #5

Questions and Comments from Board Members

None

Agenda Item #6

Consideration and Action to Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings held 13 January 2011. The minutes of the previous regular meeting were approved.

Agenda Item #7

Election of Treasurer

All officers will be elected at the next regular meeting when it is hoped that the remaining open board seat will be filled.

Agenda Item #8

Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills and Investments

In the absence of a Treasurer, a Treasurer's report was approved as submitted consisting of a January and February 2011 Profit & Loss and Balance Sheets. Bills were approved consisting of LeAnn Luedeker accounting (\$200.00). No changes to investments were approved.

Agenda Item #9

Colorado Valley Transit grant request, and action as needed

Extended presentation by Vastene Olier of CVT grant request of \$15,000.00 for the continuation of transportation services within the City of Bellville. A public notice will be posted as to the application and public hearing. No other action was taken at this time

Agenda Item #10

Update on Courthouse Beautification project (Robert Buckner), and action as needed.

In Robert's absence, no report was given and the matter will be placed on the next month's agenda. Motion was made to refer the RFQ drafting to Jeff Moore and that the RFQ would include both the Courthouse Landscape design and the Mini-Park parking lot improvements and landscaping. Motion approved. During the discussion, Monte Byrd agreed to contact Lonnie at TxDOT to check on the status of the tentative identification of a Bypass Route.

Agenda Item #11

Update on Wells Fargo parking lot acquisition (Delwin Rettig), discussion of improvement options, and action as needed.

Delwin Rettig updated the board on the closing that took place today (March 10, 2011). A discussion of possible improvements will be had at the next board meeting. No board action was required at this time.

Agenda Item #12.

Discussion of Website maintenance expense and action as needed.

In a discussion related to hiring someone or looking for a volunteer to load commercial property into the GIS program on the website, it was determined that we would continue to pursue the commercial brokers through face-to-face meetings and offer to assist them in loading properties. Monte will also pursue a group presentation at the next available speaking opportunity at the area realtors meeting. Motion was made to approve the annual renewal fee for the GIS Planning services on the website in the amount of \$10,350. Monte will provide information when available regarding number of site visits during the previous year. Motion passed 3 in favor, one opposed.

Agenda Item #13

Executive Session under Govt. Code Sec. 551.071, 551.072 and 551.087 to discuss legal matters with attorney, real property negotiations, and economic development negotiations. Executive convened at 5:04 and adjourned at 5:42

Agenda Item #14

Action on matters considered in Executive Session

None

Agenda Item #15

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m..