

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Bellville Economic Development Corporation**

The regular meeting of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation was called to order by David Ottmer at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 9, 2002, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

Present were David Ottmer, Susan Jones, Kenneth Stein, Bruce White, and Jerome Peters. Both Wayne Browning and Gary Byrd were absent. A quorum was present.

Kenneth Stein made a motion the meeting Agenda be approved as corrected to reflect the date of April 9, 2002. The motion was seconded by Bruce White and carried unanimously.

The minutes of March 12, 2002 were corrected to reflect adjournment at 6:55 p.m. Jerome Peters made a motion the minutes be approved as corrected. Kenneth Stein provided the second to the motion and it carried unanimously.

Susan Jones presented the Treasurer's Report reflecting a beginning balance of \$179,708.88 and an ending balance in the amount of \$151,247.78. She stated checks had been issued to both the Convention Center project and to LSG Sheetmetal. An additional \$15,000.00 is available for the Leschper's use for the purchase of sheet metal with proper documentation. No funds have been received from Mrs. Johnson. Budget Projections for the months ended March 31 and April 30, 2002 were reviewed.

Suzanne Edwards presented a letter received from the Bellville Chamber of Commerce requesting the grant of \$2,500.00 for tourism approved by the City Council at their last meeting. The letter was given to Susan Jones.

Bruce White made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay all outstanding bills. The motion was seconded by Kenneth Stein and carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 6

**Public Comment**

Ellen Lancaster was present to speak on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of Bellville. She presented an application for \$20,000.00 to be used for Operating Expenses of the Club for

the months of January through December 2002. She thanked the BEDC for their past support and presented an annual budget for the organization of \$120,000.00. She emphasized that over \$300,000.00 has been brought into the city through the \$30,000.00 investment of the BEDC to date, but stated that a requirement for additional funding from the Criminal Justice Department Grant is continued money invested into the organization from the local community. Because Bellville is not a home-ruled city, the BEDC is the only source of funds other than private donations. Ms. Lancaster reiterated several positive points relative to the Club's presence in Bellville:

1. 1. Juvenile crime referrals are down 75%
2. 2. Over 14,000 free meals were served last summer through a USDA Grant
3. 3. A Community Garden has been established
4. 4. Each child has the opportunity to do at least 1.5 hours of homework daily using 8 computers at the facility
5. 5. Piano lessons, karate lessons and other sports activities are sponsored
6. 6. An arts & crafts program has been developed

Kenneth Stein supported Ms. Lancaster's report and stated the school district is very pleased with the presence of the Boys & Girls Club in Bellville.

As outlined in the new procedures, the application will be filed for public view at City Hall and the City Library and will be considered at an open meeting in August.

### **Agenda Item # 7**

Consideration of any Action Necessary and Related to the  
Organization and Operation of a Corporation formed under Chapter 4B of the  
Economic Development Act of 1979, as Amended

The Board reviewed the Application Package distributed by e-mail. Kenneth Stein suggested two grammatical revisions. It was suggested the applications be reviewed by former BEDC member Clay Kistler and local bankers. An addition of the phrase, "*additional information may be requested of applicants*", was suggested and accepted. Kenneth Stein made a motion the Application Package be approved with the addition of recommended changes. Susan Jones seconded the motion and the application will be effective immediately.

There was discussion of amending the budget to include funds for city infrastructure. August 31 will mark the end of the fiscal year and only five monthly checks can be expected before that date. Funds designated for Special Projects could be used for infrastructure and long-term projects if necessary. A definition of "infrastructure" is needed. It was decided to take no action on this item at this meeting, but to put it back on the agenda for next month.

Members were asked to bring contributions for "Vision 2010 Goals and Objectives" to the next meeting also. This discussion will also be continued next month.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Suzanne C. Edwards

Recording Secretary