

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, July 9, 2002, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

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

Bruce White made a motion the meeting Agenda be approved as presented. Susan Jones seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Jerome Peters made a motion the minutes of the June 11, 2002 be corrected to read "...parts of the Vision 2010 Study are not appropriate for the City of Bellville." Bruce White provided the second to the motion and it carried unanimously.

Susan Jones presented the Treasurer's Report for review. It showed a beginning balance of \$150,161.93 on June 1, 2002 and an ending balance of \$175,621.38 on July 9, 2002. Susan noted the budget is \$35,000.00 short of what was projected for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. She further reported no additional action from Mrs. Johnson regarding the return of the additional \$7,000.00 of the \$25,000 original grant for the renovation of the historic building at 11 N. Bell. David Ottmer interjected he had requested Charley Smith study the options available to the BEDC. He will invite Charley to be present at the next meeting to discuss our options and possible litigation. Susan completed her report by stating the Budget for the 2002-2003 fiscal year would be discussed later in this meeting and approved at the August meeting. Bruce White made a motion the Treasurer's Report be accepted; Jerome Peters seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Agenda Item # 6

Public Comment

Ellen Lancaster President of the Board of the Boys & Girls Club of Bellville was present with several board members, advisory board members and parents to lobby on behalf of the \$20,000.00 grant request sought from the BEDC. A multi-signature petition was presented to the Board and supportive comments were also provided by Dana Baker, Tom Feux and Judge

Gladys Oakley. David Ottmer stated consideration would be given to all the remarks made on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club as well as to the interpretation of opinions from the Office of the Attorney General of Texas on guidelines for the use of sales tax money for economic development.

Newton Boriak, Secretary of the Bellville Lions-Concordia, Inc., was present with a contingent to speak on behalf of the March grant request for funds for a driveway and parking lot for Concordia Hall. He reminded the BEDC of the good work done by the Bellville Lion's Club. Susan Jones asked specifically if theirs was an "all or nothing" request. Mr. Boriak responded they would negotiate the amount of the grant requested.

No one from the community was present to speak against either of the grant requests and all but one visitor left at the conclusion of the public comments.

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

Jerome Peters reported on his conversation with Bruce Bayless regarding the bypass issue. Mr. Bayless stated it was no longer a viable issue and only a catastrophic event would force it to the forefront at this time.

Pre-budget discussion ensued for consideration. Several proposals were put forward, such as:

- 1) 1) putting aside a percentage of incoming funds for use on Special Projects; currently have \$49,500 in this line item
- 2) 2) reducing the total new budget to \$125,000 from the current \$165,000 budget
- 3) 3) leaving any budget surplus in the bank to earn interest as a carry-over or designating any surplus for next year's Special Projects category as emergency reserve
- 4) 4) setting aside any surplus as special fund reserved for legal fees, park development or infrastructure

It was noted that very specific action regarding the use of sales tax funds will be introduced to the next legislative session in September. Prior to the next meeting, Susan Jones will prepare a white paper on the new budget for consideration. She stated she is comfortable with a proposed fiscal year budget of \$125,000.00.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Edwards

Recording Secretary