

**Minutes**  
Regular Meeting  
Bellville Economic Development Corporation

Date of Meeting: December 12, 2013  
Time of Meeting: 5:00 P.M.  
Location: Council Meeting Room, Bellville City Hall  
30 South Holland St., Bellville, TX 77418

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge
2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum **Present: Bob Buckner, Pat Burns, Monte Byrd Paul Jones, Clark McKinley, Danny Jacob, C.L Roy**
3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted **Mr. Roy motion to approve, Mr. McKinley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously.**
4. Public Comment (3-Minute Remarks of Speakers who have completed Sign-in Sheet) AND Receipt of Grant Applications.**None**
5. Questions and Comments from Board Members (discussion is limited to statements of policy or statements of factual matters, or the request that a matter be placed on the next meeting's agenda) **None**
6. Consideration and Action to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting held **Mr. Jacob motion to approve, Mr. Buckner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously.**
7. Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills, and Investments. **Mr. Jacob presented report. Income for Nov. was \$26,600.53. Total current assets are \$568,694.10. Bills presented for payment: \$74 to Brown & Hofmeister for Legal Services, \$1,310.08 to KGA DeForest for Parking Lot Draw, \$10,000 to Colorado Valley Transit Authority for annual grant, \$228.14 to City of Bellville for parking lot utilities, \$63.07 to City of Bellville for statue utilities, \$200 to LeAnn Luedeker for contract for services, and \$28,800.09 to D.L. Meacham for release of 50% of retainage. Mr Buckner questioned the paper work provided by the contractor to provide proof for the number requested by D.L.Meacham. After discussion with representative of KGA DeForest, it was agreed the number was correct, but the documentation needed to be corrected. Mr. Jones made motion to approve report and pay bills as presented. Mr. McKinley second. Motion approved unanimously. Mr. Jacob expressed his continued frustration that the engineering bore hole test on the parking lot did not catch the problems uncovered when the blacktop was removed, causing an increase in cost. Mr. Buckner discussed his experience with such tests, that it was a very common issue, and that even paying for more tests may not have caught the issue. It was agreed that despite the extra cost, potential long term problems were prevented.**

8. Consideration and Action as needed on Storefront improvement grant application by Vincik's Hardware. **Mr. Burns presented application for Vincik's Hardware for a storefront improvement grant. The grant request is for façade improvement and for a new sign. Estimate of costs for façade is in excess of \$4,000, and for sign in excess of \$2,000, making maximum grants of \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively. Mr. Jones stated he was having concerns about giving grants for signs. He worried that the Board might be put in the position of paying for multiple signs in the same location if the businesses failed. Mr. Burns defended the sign grants, pointing to the importance of signs for the success of retail businesses. After discussion, Mr. Jones said he did not object to Vincik's application, but was still not convinced on grants for signs, in general. Mr. Burns made motion to approve application. Mr. Buckner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 5-0, with Mr. Jones abstaining.**
9. Update and Action as needed on Jim Bishop Pavilion at Chesley Park project. **Members discussed whether the board needed to purchase flags for the flagpoles. Mr. Byrd said he would check on it.**
10. Consideration and Action on request for Pavilion use in March by Austin County Cruisers. **Mr. Jacob appeared on behalf of the Austin County Cruisers, asking for use of the Pavilion on March 9<sup>th</sup> for the annual car show. The Club does have the appropriate liability insurance. Mr. Burns made motion to approve use. Mr. Buckner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved 5-0, with Mr. Jacob abstaining.**
11. Discussion and action as needed on TWPD grant program for community swimming pool. **No update**
12. Update and Action as needed on Pole Banner project. **Some of the banners have arrived, others are still being tweaked for production. Mr. Burns will work with the City Manager to get the banners that have arrived up.**
13. Executive Session under Govt. Code Sec. 551.071, 551.072 and 551.087 to discuss legal matters with attorney, real property negotiations, and/or economic development negotiations. **None**
14. Action on matters considered in Executive Session. **None**
15. Adjournment **5:55PM**