

**Minutes of Board Meeting of the
Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation**

The Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation met in a Board Meeting located in the conference room at 1716 West Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas 75156 on Thursday October 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. with the following directors present: Holland Whitten, Jim Osborne, Megan Lindaman, Gary Damiano, Keith Butler, and Steve Schiff. A quorum was established.

Call to Order
Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Establish Quorum

Schiff: Before we get into citizen comments, I wanted to say that we have been getting some really positive feedback, I've been watching the face book and insta grams feedback on National Night Out on Wednesday, hopefully you all had a chance to go. It was quite the event it's definitely something we should participate in every year and the EDC should get involved as well, it was a great event. We had quite the turn out. Also we need to recognize an outgoing board member Cheyenne Lyons is here, so I want to present a plaque to her she has done a really good job on the Board. She is leaving due to a promotion at Southside Bank and we wish her the best of luck. Cheyenne if you come up we will make this really quick presentation. Award is given.

Citizen Presentation: (limited to 3 Minutes)

This item provides the opportunity for citizens to address the EDC Board of Directors on any matter whether or not it's posted on the agenda. However, in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Section 551.041, the EDC Board of Directors cannot discuss, Deliberate, or take action on matters not listed on the agenda. At this time the board will receive citizen comments, and if necessary, may refer the matter to EDC staff for research, resolution or referral to the EDC Board on a future agenda.

Citizens in Attendance:

Rob Rea: First of all I didn't realize that you all were going to honor Cheyenne; I would personally like to say that she is awesome and it will be a huge loss to the EDC, but a big very big gain to Southside Bank. Thank you for letting me addresses the EDC Board. I would like to make it perfectly clear that I am speaking as a citizen and not as a city council member. In the last year the EDC Board has accomplished more than in years prior by several folk there has been no feasibility studies to nowhere, there has been skate parks, fishing tournaments, medical facilities and façade improvements all of which I am personally proud of. I will do anything in my powers to support you. All that I can ask is that you proceed to the path of progress, this being a volunteer board I would like to encourage you to continue the good work that you have done, the City is in a time of transition and you all are a steady guide of progress and revenue please stay on course and don't revert to past grievances and make common

sense decisions. Thank you.

Item #1. Discuss and/or take action to seat one newly appointed member to Place 6 for a one year term and one newly appointed member to Place 7 for a two year term.

Schiff: Unfortunately during our last go around we only had one applicant so tonight it's really with honor that we seat Holland Whitten who is sitting down at the very end. Obviously someone is going to motion to appoint him to the EDC Board but I want to take the time to personally welcome you, we look forward to having you join us, we look forward to your input and a little balance and direction to where we want to go.

Butler: Motioned we place Holland to the Board for Place number 7 for a 2 year term

Damiano: Second the motion.

All agree and Motion is passed.

Welcome aboard!

Item #2. Discuss and/or take action on electing an EDC Secretary and EDC Treasurer for 2015-2016.

Schiff: Effective today Keith Butler has turned in his recognition as the Treasurer to work on more important projects that the EDC will be involved in. That is why we are putting on the agenda to elect a EDC Secretary and a EDC Treasurer. So let's start with the Secretary, anyone have a nominee they want to nominate?

Gary: I will nominate Megan Lindaman for secretary.

Butler: Seconds the motion.

All agree and Motion is passed.

Schiff: Second one would be for EDC Treasurer, anyone have a nominee for EDC Treasurer?

Butler: I would like to nominate Holland Whitten to be the new Treasurer.

Osborne: Seconds the motion.

Schiff: Man that was quick.

All agree and Motion is passed.

Congratulations to both of you.

Item #3. Discuss and/or take action to approve the EDC Minutes of September 8th and September 14th, 2015.

Schiff: Included in the packet I pre-reviewed, and handed out, hopefully everyone had a chance to review them.

Damiano: Motioned that we approve the September 8 and 14 minutes.

Osborne: Second the motion.

All agree and Motion is passed.

Item #4. Discuss and/or take action to approve the September Financials.

Schiff: In the hand out we received the updated financials for September, we also reviewed to the reconciliation summary, and they have a signature page from the CPA, now we know that they have reviewed them and approve them. They have signed them.

Butler: Motioned to accept the financials that were put together by Theresa P. Cryer.

Osborne: Second the motion.

All agree and Motion is passed.

Item #5. Discuss and/or take action on Lee Campbell/Marketing Alliance website proposal for the EDC Website.

Campbell: He came in from Jackson Mississippi, and he talked about what they do and what they can do for us. Also talked about the things that they have done for the Economical Development in other areas, with their websites. He talked about property search tools that would be custom built for our properties. Another option is an interactive map. It shows roads, railways, etc. Having a good website can help turn things around to help show the outside lookers looking in that you want to bring outside business in.

Damiano: Motioned we table until we hear more from Lee Campbell.

Butler: Second the motion.

All agree and motion is passed.

Item #6. Discuss and/or take action to create a prospecting team of 5 (including the Executive Director) to attend and maintain booth and prospecting at the ISCS Deal Making Convention November 4-6, 2015

Schiff: This convention is for site selectors that come to talk about potentially bringing in business, we talked about sending up to five people to this. I think that upon looking at it we have to think about the dynamics and who is readily available. It is in our budget to attend. We will be getting a hotel room so you will not have to drive back and forth. I will be getting with some of you to see who come help set up on the 3rd.

Damiano: Those of you that are new we have a booth at the show, it will be a combination of working the booth and talking to site selectors and site recruiters, to see what they are looking for.

Damiano, Lindaman, Schiff and Overeynder will go to the ISCS Deal Making Conference.

Damiano: Motioned that we send Damiano, Schiff and Lindaman to ICSC Conference in November.

Osborne: Second the motion.

All agree and Motion is passed.

Item #7. Discussion and/or Action to amend the EDC Bylaws, Section 2.11 (Budget) to reflect "Any/all executive director business related expenses are to be reported on a GBC EDC expense form, with applicable receipts attached and approved by the president of the EDC before reimbursement is issued."

Schiff: Currently there is very little accountability, so I am bringing this to the board to adopt

this into the bylaws.

Butler: Motioned to amend the EDC bylaws section 2 that all expenses be approved with two signatures.

Osborne: Second the motion.

All agree and Motion Passes.

Executive Closed Session of the Board of Directors: The Gun Barrel City EDC will now hold a closed Executive Session meeting pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code in accordance with the authority contained in:

Entered into Executive Session at 5:58 p.m.

Reconvene into Open Session: The Gun Barrel City EDC will now reconvene into Regular Session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to take any action necessary regarding the items discussed in executive session:

Reconvene into Open Session at 6:43 p.m.

Item #8. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to (a) Texas Government Code § 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.

Butler: Motioned to approve an offer on a piece of real estate and project to be approved as Project Lake.

Osborne: Second the motion.

All agree and Motion Passes.

Item #9. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to (a) Texas Government Code § 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of the Marketing Coordinator

Schiff: Just a little bit of background, we have been interviewing for a Marketing Coordinator position. We had 13 resumes that were secured, and Sean has narrowed down the top three candidates. On Tuesday of this week we brought in the top three candidates and sat with them each for about 40 minutes each, to do final interviews. Based on those final interviews we came up with a person who we think will be a wonderful addition to our team at EDC so we would like to move forward and hire her.

Damiano: Motioned that we hire Laura Tillman as the Marketing Coordinator for the EDC.

Butler: Second the motion.

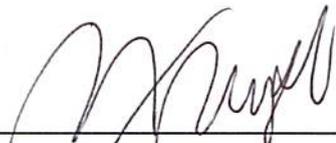
All agree and Motion Passes.

Schiff: Made motion to adjourn.

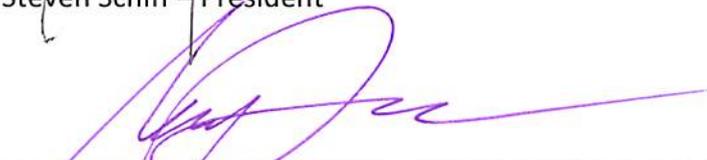
Osborne: Second the motion.

Meeting Adjourned.

The Gun Barrel City EDC reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations, 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) or 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations).

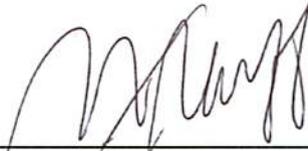


Steven Schiff – President



Gary Damiano – Vice President

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Steven Schiff - President

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