

CALLED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HAMILTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
CITY OF HAMILTON, TEXAS
August 29, 2023
HAMILTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OFFICE
108 NORTH BELL STREET
HAMILTON, TEXAS 76531
AT 5:30 P.M.

The Economic Development Corporation Board for the city of Hamilton, Texas, convened for a called board meeting on August 29, 2023, with President Jared Cook presiding.

HEDC Board Members Present:

- Heather August - Secretary
- Richard Buchanan
- Jared Cook - President
- Clint Cooper
- Jeff Ensor – Vice President
- Brian Haile

HEDC Board Members Absent:

Others Present:

- Ryan Polster – City Administrator
- Jamie L. LaDuke – Executive Director, EDC
- Kayla Schraub – Main Street Program Manager
- Rodney Craddick, Mayor

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President Jared Cook called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Board member Clint Cooper provided information to the board regarding the Thompson Building and the possibility of a project collaboration with the HEDC and Main Street Program. Clint presented a rough draft of a sketch and discussed the possibilities of the project. The end result would provide retail and incubator space, public restrooms, flex office space and an open seating/gathering area.

Board member Jeff Ensor provided an update on his communication with Texas New Mexico Power (TNMP) regarding the alley and parking lot project. TNMP provided Jeff with a quote of \$35,000 to update the electrical structure along the alley and parking lot. The structure update would provide one primary electrical pole, instead of the many currently in place and underground building connections. The quote includes the transformer, pole, and lines to the buildings. Individual building owners would be responsible for the cost of connecting the line into their building. The board would like to discuss potentially providing funds to the building owners to help with the cost of connecting, since this is the board’s project. Board member Jeff Ensor stated that the next step would be a meeting with the TNMP representative, a local electrician, and himself to discuss the project in more

detail, and additional costs involved. City Administrator Ryan Polster stated that the city can begin replacing the water lines beneath the parking lot in three weeks. The HEDC has already purchased the materials.

The HEDC board members discussed the Hamilton Municipal Airport Hangar Project. Each board member had the opportunity to ask City Administrator Ryan Polster questions as they related to the airport, project, and loan. Board President Jared Cook made a motion to table the decision on the resolution, to allow for City Administrator Ryan Polster to research and investigate other financing options, but to begin the 60-day public notification process. Board member Jeff Ensor seconded the motion, but the motion did not pass.

Board member comments and items to be placed on future agendas:
Continued discussions regarding the Thompson Building and potential collaborations and projects.
Continued discussions regarding the Downtown Alley and Parking Lot Revitalization project.

Next meeting was set for September 20, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Meeting minutes completed by: Jamie L. LaDuke, Executive Director

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20 day of September, 2023.



Jared Cook, President