

**MINUTES OF THE  
KEENE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
BOARD TYPE A  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021**

**PRESENT: Samantha Gillin, Don Beeson Sr., Cody Thornton, David Bass and Carl Wright**

**STAFF PRESENT: EDC Director - Molly Martin, City Secretary - Diane Helms,  
Finance Director - Charles Williams & City Manager - Michael Boese**

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Board President Gillin called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Invocation – David Bass**

**Pledge of Allegiance – David Bass**

1. **President's Remarks - None**
2. **Citizens Comments – None**
3. **Approve of minutes for December 16, 2020.**

**Member D. Bass moved to approve the minutes for December 16, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by D. Beeson Sr. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

4. **Approval of financial statement ending December 2020.**

**Charles presented the EDC A board financials for December 2020.**

**Member C. Thornton moved to approve the financial statement ending December 2020, seconded by C. Wright. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

5. **Discussion and possible action regarding bids for cleaning 10+ acres of Industrial Park land as well as grading / leveling 32 – acres site.**

**David expressed his concerns of spending money on this project at this time. He discussed that we should focus on the sign and road to the Industrial Park, with a possibility of offering the clearing as an incentive to a prospective business.**

**Member D. Bass made a motion to table the action regarding bids for cleaning 10+ acres of Industrial Park land as well as grading / leveling 32 – acres site at this time, seconded by Member C. Wright. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

6. *Discussion and possible action for Horton Tree Service to trim the trees as well as clear out the easements long CR 318 leading to the Industrial Park.*

**Horton Tree Service is the same company that is trimming the right-of-way for the City. The bid that they submitted would include from Highway 67 to the entrance of the Industrial Park.**

**Member D. Beeson Sr. asked that we make some form of contact with the residents along CR 318 to give them an opportunity to trim the trees along their property lines. Member C. Wright also agreed that it would be a good idea to give the residents that opportunity.**

**Member D. Bass made the motion to approve Horton Tree Service to trim the trees as well as clear out the easements along CR 318 leading to the Industrial Park, not to exceed \$6,200, seconded by Member D. Beeson Sr. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

7. *Executive Session: Pursuant to the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Texas Governmental Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (real property), 551.073 (prospective gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (security matters), 551.087 (economic development). Executive Session may be held, under these exceptions, at the end of the Regular Session, Workshop and/or Special Session, or at any time during the meeting that a need arises for the Board to seek advice form the City Attorney as to the posted subject matter of this Meeting.*

**Entered Executive Session at 8:24 am**

- a. *Economic Development*
- b. *Real Property*

**Reconvened into Regular Session at 9:06 am**

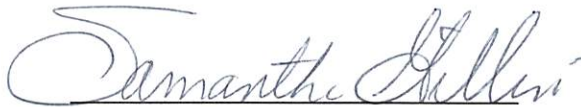
8. *Reconvene into Open Session for possible action resulting from any item posted discussed in Executive Session.*

**No Action Taken**

9. Request for future agenda items:

**None**

10. Adjourned at 9:06 am

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Samantha Gillin, Board President

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Diane Helms, City Secretary