

**MINUTES OF THE
KEENE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
BOARD TYPE A
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022**

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

ABSENT: Carl Wright

STAFF PRESENT: Bernie Parker – City Manager, Diane Helms – City Secretary, Charles Williams – Finance Director, Betty Freeman – Finance Manager, and Cheryl McClain-Development Services Director.

CALLED TO ORDER: Board President D. Beeson Sr. called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Invocation – Member D. Beeson Sr.

Pledge of Allegiance – Member D. Bass

1. **President's Remarks – None**
2. **Citizens Comments – None**
3. **Approve of minutes for December 15, 2021.**

Member D. Bass moved to approve the minutes for December 15, 2021, regular meeting, seconded by Member S. Thornton. Motion passed unanimously 4-0-0.

4. **Approval of financial statement ending December 30, 2021.**

Charles presented the EDC A board financials for December 2021.

Member C. Thornton moved to approve the financial statement ending December 2021, seconded by Member D. Bass. Motion passed unanimously 4-0-0.

5. **Discussion and take possible action on hiring a Certified Licensed Land Appraiser for property located in the Industrial Park not to exceed \$5,000.**

Member D. Bass made a motion to authorize hiring a Certificated Licensed Land Appraiser for property located in the Industrial Park not to exceed \$5,000, seconded by Member S. Gillin. Motion passed unanimously 3-1-0. Member C. Thornton opposed the motion.

6. **Discussion and take possible action on hiring a Certified Licensed Land Surveyor for property located in the Industrial Park, not to exceed \$15,000.**

Member S. Gillan made a motion to authorize hiring a Certified Licensed Land Surveyor for the property located in the Industrial Park not to exceed \$15,000, seconded by Member C. Thornton. Motion passed unanimously 3-1-0. Member D. Bass opposed the motion.

7. *Discussion and take possible action to make a donation of \$2500 to the Keene Chamber of Commerce 2022 Business Expo.*

Member S. Gillin made a motion to make a donation of \$2500 to the Keene Chamber of Commerce 2022 Business Expo, seconded by Member C. Thornton. Motion passed unanimously 4-0-0.

8. *Discussion and take possible action to donate \$500 to the Keene Chamber of Commerce 2022 Directory.*

Member D. Bass made a motion to donate \$500 of the Keene Chamber of Commerce 2022 Directory, seconded by S. Gillin. Motion passed unanimously 4-0-0.

9. *Discussion on the Open Position of the Economic Development Director.*

Member D. Bass believes that we need a liaison between the boards and the investors.

Member S. Gillin asked if we had posted the position or if we have any interest shown. The city manager stated that it had not been posted yet.

***Member D. Bass asked what the options were? The City Manager gave a few options:
Open the position up to see what the interest.***

Re-evaluate the needs and wants of the boards.

Possibly get an assessment of the board, this would be costly but in his opinion may be needed.

The City Manager also recommended that the A & B boards have a combined workshop to discuss the options and get direction.

10. *Director's Update - None*

11. *Executive Session: Pursuant to the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government 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 expectations, 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 from the City Attorney as to the posted subject matter of this meeting.*

a. Economic Development (551.087)

b. Real Property (551.072)

Executive Session started at 8:37

Executive Session ended at 9:06

No action was taken from the executive session

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

Road conditions on 317 & 318.

13. **Adjourned at 9:25 am**



Don Beeson Sr., Board President



Bernie Parker, City Manager