

**ROCKDALE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Present:

MDD Board Members:

Nathan Bland
John King
Brian Wallis
Joyce Dailey
Denise Wallace

MDD Staff:

Jim Gibson, Director
Michelle Toungate, Executive Assistant

Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

The Rockdale Municipal Development District (MDD) conducted an in-person conference on Monday, February 26, 2024, with a quorum of the MDD Board members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockdale Municipal Development District was called to order by the Board President Nathan Bland at 5:30p.m.

Plaque Presentation to Jason Barcak in Appreciation for Service on the RMDD Board

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen Communications

None

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approvals

- 1. Minutes of MDD Regular Meeting February 26, 2024**
- 2. Financials**
- 3. ED Project Balance Sheet**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Member Joyce Dalley and a second by Board Member Brian Wallis, the MDD Board voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approving the consent agenda with a change to the date for the meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

5. MDD Staff Report

Economic Development Director Gibson shared with the MDD Board training sessions put on by the TEDC on Sales Tax, Open Records, and Open Meetings that they can attend and included upcoming webinars also a list of conferences for the year 2026.

Director Gibson announced that the RMDD was awarded the TEDC 2023 Economic Excellence Award. City of Rockdale's Finance Director, Roxanne Proudley, sent invoices that the city paid for and the MDD's portion will need to be reimbursed back to the city. The MDD received these invoices February 2024.

Director Gibson will be meeting with Found Marketing Group to go over the next part of the contract. The first year is complete and year two and three will be discussed.

The Tourism Subcommittee is planning a Tourism Program and once that is completed Director Gibson will present it to the City Council and debrief the MDD Board.

Demolition on 613 W Cameron Ave is complete.

The RMDD is still being considered for the 2024 CDBG Grant.

Director Gibson mentioned that developer's interest in Rockdale has increased with the increase of public announcements from SLR group.

The US Highway 79 Corridor group meeting had a discussion on their interest in raising funds to conduct a study of the economic impact the Samsung Plant has had on the surrounding areas of Round Rock,

Hutto and Taylor. The meeting with Dave Porter of Williamson County Economic Development Partnership went well. The Comprehensive Plan is on track to be ready by May of this year. Director Gibson went over the Sales Tax numbers and from last year it is up 4%, down 25% for the month and up 2% overall. There are two leads out of the Governor's office that director Gibson is working on. One is Air Red, and the other is a small Semi-Conductor Plant.

Director Gibson mentioned that he will be volunteering in North Carolina with the International Economic Development Council advising program to assist in writing an Economic Development plan.

6. Workshop

Economic Development Director Gibson introduced applicants for consideration for the open seat on the MDD Board. Each applicant shared their background and why they put in their application to the MDD Board. The Board then scored each applicant on a matrix. The scoring sheet was tallied to be presented to Rockdale City Council for selection.

7. Action Items

A. Consider and Approve recommendations for MDD Board vacancies.

Director Gibson collected scoring sheets for tallying to prepare for presentation to City Council.

B. Consider and Approve Resolution Authorizing USDA Grant Application

Director Gibson explained that the RMDD will be filing Articles of Incorporation with the State of Texas. This will allow for the RMDD to be eligible for USDA Grant Application.

C. Consider and Approve new MDD Board Treasurer

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Vice President John King and Seconded by Board Member Joyce Dalley the MDD Board voted (4) for and (1) abstaining approving Brian Wallis as the new MDD Board Treasurer. Motion Carried

8. Adjourned at 6:23 PM

These minutes approved on the 25th day of March 2024

ATTEST:


Denise Wallace
MDD Board Secretary

APPROVED:


Nathan Bland
MDD Board President