MINUTES CUERO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 5:10 P.M.

The Cuero Development Corporation Board of Directors met Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 214 E. Main Street.

PRESENT: Board Members: Tyler McClellan, Constance Donels, Lynn Falcone, Brad Kocurek, Mayor Sara Post Meyer, David Scott, and Ben Zimmerman

CDC STAFF: CDC Executive Director Maggie Cromeens and CDC Coordinator Samantha Bayfus

GUESTS: Robert Oliver, Diana Thibodeaux, and Sharon Weber on behalf of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Tyler McClellan called the meeting to order at 5:10 P.M.

II. <u>CITIZENS INPUT</u>

None.

III. MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Mr. Scott mentioned that the financials were incomplete and he would recommend a meeting with the City of Cuero Finance Director, Connie Hawes.

Mayor Meyer noted that there were some discrepancies with some of the budget line items listed for the December Events Committee.

MOTION MADE BY LYNN FALCONE, SECONDED BY DAVID SCOTT, TO NOT ACCEPT THE FINANCIALS AS PRESENTED, PENDING A REVIEW WITH CDC TREASURER DAVID SCOTT, CDC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAGGIE CROMEENS, AND CITY OF CUERO FINANCE DIRECTOR CONNIE HAWES. AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. BUSINESS

HEAR REPORT FROM ROBERT OLIVER

Mr. Oliver thanked the CDC Board for their time and consideration. Mr. Oliver unveiled a rendering of the proposed Trautwein Building renovations. The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum (CTHM) plans to submit three façade applications to the CDC Board for their exterior renovations to the building in the near future. In addition to this, the CTHM has started raising money through naming opportunities throughout the building, they have applied to the Summer League of Dallas, and have spoken to Mr. Robert Halepaska, Executive Director of the Johnson Foundation, regarding a matching grant. Mr. Oliver informed the Board that the CTHM has intentions of seeking a match in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the CDC Board late this year for the Johnson Foundation. The proposed project of the Trautwein Building is anticipated to cost around \$5.2 million.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Included in the director's agenda packets for review were: Regular Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, February 20, 2024 and the December Events Committee November and December Financial Reports.

MOTION MADE BY MAYOR SARA POST MEYER, SECONDED BY BRAD KOCUREK, TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED AND TO NOT ACCEPT THE DECEMBER EVENTS COMMITTEE'S FINANCIAL REPORTS. AYES:7 NAYES: 0 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 1) Sales Tax Comparisons A copy of the sales tax revenue report was included in the Board package. It was reported that the sales tax remittance has decreased by 4.29% for the calendar year and has decreased by 2.09% the fiscal year.
- 2) Discuss upcoming conferences/meetings Mrs. Bayfus will attend the Texas Economic Development Council's Women in Economic Development Conference in Round Rock from April 23rd - 24th. Mrs. Cromeens will attend the OU EDI Conference in New Orleans from April 28th - May 2, 2024.

Mrs. Cromeens mentioned that the Economic Development Summit will be held in Cuero on May 6th at the Anne Friar Thomas Center, this regional collaboration will include Gonzales, Hallettsville, and Yoakum. The costs will be equally split amongst the four entities.

- 3) December Events Committee Mrs. Cromeens reported that display orders are still in progress and should be complete by the end of the month.
- 4) Current Projects A copy of the current projects was included in the agenda packet. A separate attachment included the new Business Start-Up Program.

VII. ADJOURN

PRESIDENT TYLER MCCLELLAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:23 P.M.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY/TREASURER