



**GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
820 ST JOSEPH STREET  
GONZALES, TEXAS 78629  
JULY 19, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

President Andy Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice President Meena Patel led the Invocation. President Andy Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum**

Board Members Present:

Andy Rodriguez, President  
Gerri Lawing, Secretary  
Ken Morrow, Director  
Dan Blakemore, Director

Meena Patel, Vice President  
Larry Wehde, Treasurer  
Connie Kacir, Director

Staff Members Present:

Jennifer Kolbe, Economic Development Director  
Liz Reiley, Main Street Director

Guest: Brad and Lisa Cox

**4. Petitions or Request from the Public:**

There were no petitions or request from the public.

**5. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes for the May and June 2021 minutes.**

Director Ken Morrow made a motion to approve the May and June meeting minutes as presented. Vice President Patel seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**6. Discussion regarding the monthly financial report(s) for June 2021.**

Treasurer, Larry Wehde, presented the balance sheet, financial statement, and the bank reconciliation for June 2021. There were not questions. The financial statements will be filed for audit.

7. Public Hearing and possible action to undertake the following project: contractual commitment to pay annually to the City one-half of the debt service requirements on approximately \$1,825,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Refunding Bonds to be issued by the City for the J.B. Wells Park land.

President Andy Rodriguez opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed at 6:10 p.m.

8. Update and possible action on improvements to the Lynn Theater.  
No action was taken.
9. The GEDC Board will meet in closed session in accordance with Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property. The governmental body will conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value real property.

The board went into closed session at 6:12 p.m.

10. Return to open session to discuss and consider any action resulting from closed session, as necessary.

The board reconvened into open session at 6:20 p.m.

Director Connie Kacir moved to approve A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, A TYPE B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND A TEXAS NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FARM AND RANCH CONTRACT AND ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE PART OF LOTS 17, 18, 19, RANGE 2, 3 EAST. GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS, AND GENERALLY LOCATED AT 2521 HARWOOD ROAD, CITY OF GONZALES, GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE along with all due diligence discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Dan Blakemore. The motion passed unanimously.

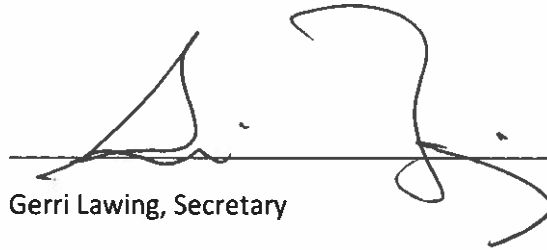
11. Workshop: Review and discuss the proposed budget for the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation for FY 2021-2022.

### Highlights

- Economic Development Director, Jennifer Kolbe, went over all changes that had occurred to the budget since the previous budget workshop which included purchasing software and the retail study being removed because they are being paid out of this year's fiscal year budget.
- The significant change was a reduction from \$250,000 to \$150,000 for Community facilities.
- There was an emphasis to focus on workforce development and a strategic plan.
- The board would like to have a conversation regarding refinancing the existing bond and rolling the cost of the new bond in with the old.

12. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THE 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2021.



Gerri Lawing, Secretary



Andy Rodriguez

