



**REGULAR MEETING
GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
ROBERT LEE BROTHERS, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY
301 ST JOSEPH STREET
GONZALES, TEXAS 78629
May 24, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.**

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance President

Andy Rodriguez led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance:

Directors in attendance:

Andy Rodriguez, President

Ken Morrow, Director

Larry Wehde, Treasurer

Dan Blakemore, Director

Meena Patel, Vice President

Gerri Lawing, Secretary

Connie Kacir, Director

Staff in attendance:

Tim Patek, City Manager

Liz Reiley, Main Street Director

Jennifer Kolbe, Economic Development Director

Guest: James Lawrence

Gregg Webb, President, Main Street Board

3. Petitions or Request from the Public

James Lawrence addressed the board regarding the Lynn Theater, when he speaks to community members, he, and others, would like to see it open. He believes the creation of a 501 C 3 is the way to get the theater operating again.

Gregg Webb, President of the Main Street Board, spoke in favor of having the Lynn Theater open and operating. He believes the idea of a nonprofit has merit and he is willing to help.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes for the following meeting:

April 26, 2021

Vice President Meena Patel made a motion to approve the minutes, Director Connie Kacir seconded the motion with the following corrections- spelling of McLane item number 8 comments made by Greg not Kris. On item 11, add the words grant after both grants that were approved, and add the time the meeting was adjourned. The motion passed.

5. Discussion regarding the monthly financial report(s) for April 2021:
 - a. Balance Sheet
 - b. Financial Statement
 - c. Bank Reconciliation

Treasurer, Larry Wehde, provided the financial reports. The reports will fill be filed for audit.

6. Public hearing, discussion, and possible action of a Performance Agreement with the First United Methodist Church for grant funding in the amount of \$15,000 for improvements to the Stockton Youth/Multipurpose Ministry Facility at 509 Saint Lawrence Street. Public hearing opened at 6:35. Public hearing was closed at 6:36 p.m. Director Connie Kacir made recommendations for amendments to the Agreement which included: adding language to the agreement's annual certification report to include validation of taxes are paid in full and that all utilities are current and correct the address where the jobs will be retained to be the address of the Stockton Youth Center. A motion was made by Director Ken Morrow and seconded by Director Connie Kacir to approve the agreement with amendments and authorize President Andy Rodriguez to sign the Performance Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Discuss, consider and possible action approving a Performance Agreement with Laurel Ridge Designs for grant funding in the amount of \$52,000 for improvements to 827 Saint Joseph Street. Director Connie Kacir made a motion to approve the Performance Agreement with Laurel Ridge Designs in the amount of \$52,000. Director Gerri Lawing seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Discuss, consider and possible action approving an Amended and Restated Performance Agreement with 515NSJ, LLC (Farmer's Daughter Fresh Market.) A motion to approve the Amended and Restated Performance Agreement with 515NSJ, LLC and authorize President Andy Rodriguez to sign the agreement was made by Director Meena Patel and seconded by Director Ken Morrow. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Discuss, consider and possible action approving a Lending and Collections Policy. This item was postponed and will be discussed at the June meeting.
10. Discuss, consider and possible action approving a contract with Retail Strategies for Retail Academy training that includes research, real estate analysis, marketing materials and data analytics used for retail recruitment. Vice President Meena Patel made a motion to approve the

contract in the amount of \$15,000 with Retail Strategies for their Retail Academy. Gerri Lawing seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

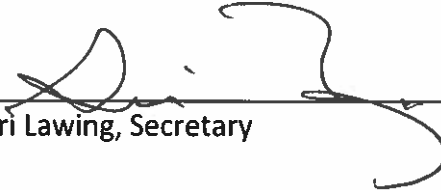
11. Report from the Economic Development Director on projects and events. Jennifer Kolbe provided a written report of projects funded and activities from the past 6 months.

12. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of July 2021.



Andy Rodriguez, President



Gerri Lawing, Secretary