

Minutes
Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting

The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in Regular session on Monday, **January 17, 2017** at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas. The following CCIDC Members were present:

President	-	Bruce Tesch
Vice President	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Treasurer	-	Lori An Gobert
Secretary	-	Joel Usher (arrived at 6:34 pm)
Board Member	-	DyAnn Lauzon
Board Member	-	Byron Marburger
Board Member	-	Andy Nunmaker (absent)
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assistant City Secretary	-	Traci Edman

1. Call to Order.

President, Bruce Tesch, called the CCIDC meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were led by Bruce Tesch.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a) **Approval of Invoices.**
- b) **Approval of December 2016 Financial Statements.**
- c) **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2016.**
- d) **Approval of Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2016.**

Byron Marburger made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Curtiss Schonenberg seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Gobert, Lauzon, Marburger, Schonenberg, and Tesch
Absent: Usher and Nunmaker

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.¹

There were no comments or presentations.

5. City Manager's Report: Sales Tax, Annexation

City Manager, Donald Warschak, stated the January sales tax revenue was up from last year's same time period. The CCIDC's portion of sales tax revenue was \$37,219.29, which reflects sales tax collected in November. The County and Eagle Lake also saw an increase in their sales tax revenue over the same time period from last year, while Weimar's sales tax revenue remained steady.

Warschak stated that the annexation process of the 53 acres at the Industrial Park had started. A schedule of the process is attached to the minutes.

Warschak also stated that the annual Economic Development Corporation Report for 2016 had been submitted. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

6. Discussion and Action, if necessary, to approve the 54 acre ag lease agreement.

The changes requested at the December meeting were added to the lease agreement. It was signed by President Bruce Tesch and Paul Saul.

Joel Usher arrived at 6:34 pm.

7. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding the drainage study.

Donald stated that Eric Scheibe had put together a preliminary evaluation for the adjustments on the drainage ditches adjacent to the E'Kabel property. He was able to reduce it by 2.5 feet. Drymalla has given the information to their engineer and they are currently working on it. Curtiss said he has not had a meeting with the county judge, TG Mercer and the railroad.

8. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding the extension of the E'Kabel project.

Curtiss said that during the meeting with E'Kabel, Juan Torrealba was wanting reassurance from the Board that we were willing to work with them on the extension. They were shown the minutes from the previous meeting to reassure them. An extension date could not be addressed because the study was not completed. He was satisfied with the information.

E'Kabel is ready to start their project after they receive the drainage information, the elevations are lowered and it is still within their original budget. If the study is not favorable, then it could delay the project. DyAnn stated it might be more than a delay in the project. They possibly may not be able to do it. Curtiss said they have been looking at other sites. Lori An asked when the drainage study would be ready. Donald stated that the elevations were done and BEFCO was using those elevations to see what can be done. LoriAn asked how long BEFCO would take and that answers were needed so E'Kabel would not go elsewhere. She stated we have been waiting for this for 4 months, which seems excessively long. Lori An said E'Kabel can't move forward until they have the data, and we don't want to move forward with the extension until we have the data. Bruce asked if CCIDC's expense for the drainage would increase from what was given earlier if the study shows the elevations can be lowered. A special meeting was set for January 30, 2017.

9. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding any prospective companies interested in land at the Crossroads Business Park.

Donald stated there had been no recent inquiries. Curtiss said Acorn Seekers had completed their application and it will be turned in during the week.

10. Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 deliberation regarding real property and Section 551.087 deliberation regarding economic development.

This item was not needed.

11. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if any, regarding Executive Session, deliberations regarding real property and economic development.

This item was not needed.

12. Discussion of items to be placed on future agendas and announcements.²

No items for future agendas or announcements.

13. Adjournment

President, Bruce Tesch, adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.

President:



Attest
Secretary:


