

Minutes
Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting

The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in Special session on Monday, **May 31, 2017** at 12:00 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
Board Member	-	DyAnn Lauzon (absent)
Board Member	-	Byron Marburger (absent)
Board Member	-	Andy Nunmaker(arrived at 12:02 pm)
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assistant City Secretary	-	Traci Edman

1. Call to Order.

President Bruce Tesch called the CCIDC meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

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

3. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding a contract with Acornseekers.

This meeting was called to start the contract process with Acornseekers. The application has already passed the financial, zoning and utility needs process. They are asking for 18.358 acres. The project will take three years and will be completed in three phases. There was a discussion concerning the plans for the buildings. The staff will be 20 employees the first year, 19 in year two and 7 in year three. Lori An asked the timeframe for the start date. Donald stated they are ready when the contract is signed. Curtiss stated they want to go through the abatement process, which could take six weeks to two months. Their project would be a Tier 2 abatement. They are also interested in applying for any state grants that would apply to them. Curtiss suggested we structure their contract similar to E'Kabel's contract.

Lori An Gobert made a motion to start a contract with Acornseekers for the 18.358 acres, requiring 20 employees and \$3 million in improvements by December 31, 2018. Then an additional \$4 million in improvements, with a total of 45 employees by December 31, 2020. Andy Nunmaker seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

4. 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.

Executive Session was not needed.

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

This item was not needed.

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

Bruce stated that he will be bidding on the drainage improvements at the Park, so he will be abstaining from any discussion or voting concerning the drainage project during meetings.

Traci reminded everyone that the next meeting will be Tuesday, June 27 at 6:30 pm.

Donald said he talked to Donnie Templeton with KWI and Emily from GrantWorks concerning employment numbers and a request to start working on another extension for the gasline project. KWI has hired an additional 7 employees since the last quarterly report, and they are trying to add an additional 20 employees. They are also working on another project that could also add an additional 50 employees.

Curtiss stated that Great Southern Wood is wanting to do an expansion, so they need to be placed on the next agenda so we can discuss how we can help them with their project.

7. Adjournment.

President Bruce Tesch adjourned the meeting at 12:19 pm.

President:

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Attest

Secretary:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Traci J. Edman", written over a horizontal line.