

**Minutes  
Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation  
Board of Directors Meeting**

The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in Regular session on Monday, **October 15, 2018** 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	-	Andy Nunmaker (absent)
Treasurer	-	Ryan Thomas (absent)
Secretary	-	Joel Usher (arrived 6:51 p.m.)
Board Member	-	Larry Solansky (absent)
Board Member	-	Chuck Hall
Board Member	-	Dwain Dungen
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assistant City Secretary	-	Dinah Jacobs

**1. Call to Order.**

President Bruce Tesch called the CCIDC meeting to order at 6:51 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 September 2018 Financial Statements.
- c) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2018.

Dwain Dungen made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Chuck Hall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Tesch, Usher, Hall, and Dungen

The motion passed.

**4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.**

Citizens spoke during specific agenda items.

**5. City Manager's Report: Sales Tax.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, stated the September sales tax revenue portion for CCIDC was up from last year's same time period. CCIDC's portion was \$43,770 compared to last year this time of \$39,859. All other entities, including the county, City of Weimar, and the City of Eagle Lake all saw increases in its sales tax revenue over the same time period from last year.

**6. Discussion and Action, if necessary, the 2018-2019 Community Development Grant application from Habitat for Humanity.**

There was no one present to discuss information on behalf of Habitat for Humanity application. They were requesting \$25,000.00. Habitat was awarded \$20,000.00 last year.

Motion was made by Dwain Dungen to approve \$10,000.00 towards the construction of Habitat for Humanity Home #23. Chuck Hall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Tesch, Usher, Hall, and Dungen

The motion passed.

**7. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding the 2018-2019 Community Development Grant application from the Boys & Girls Club of Champion Valley.**

Mariette Bellamy & Morgan Barten spoke on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of Champion Valley and their application. They were requesting \$100,000.00. Discussion included facts about the club and their existence and how they came about with the new location. Dwain Dungen questioned if transportation was an issue due to the location change from the school. Barten indicated that transportation has not been an issue and that no child will be deprived of attending due to transportation. Barten reported that they have an excess of 100 children each day, and that the Club would like a specific activity for the fenced in, safe space for the children. Their priority item is a basketball court for the children. Barten distributed two additional bids she had received after the initial bid that was submitted with their application. The Board felt that either of the additional two bids that were received would be good candidates for the Club to choose from to do the work for the basketball court.

Dwain Dungen made a motion to approve \$20,000.00 towards the cost of construction of a basketball court for the Boys & Girls Club of Champion Valley. Joel Usher seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Tesch, Usher, Hall, and Dungen

The motion passed.

**8. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding the 2018-2019 Community Development Grant application from the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.**

Billy Kahn spoke on behalf of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and their application. They were requesting \$35,000.00; \$10,000.00 for the promotion and production of the Magnolia Days Festival and \$25,000.00 towards an electrical upgrade on the courthouse square. They were awarded \$1,700.00 last year. Kahn reported numbers from the 2018 Magnolia Days Festival, and stated the Chamber is committed to making the 2019 Magnolia Days Festival bigger and better. Kahn indicated that an upgraded electrical system on the courthouse square, would be an added benefit for not only the Magnolia Days Festival, but any event held downtown. Kahn stated that Rosenbaum Electric had been out, but he had not received a bid back from them at the time of the meeting.

Joel Usher made a motion to approve \$10,000.00 toward the cost of promotion and production of the Magnolia Days Festival for the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. Chuck Hall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Tesch, Usher, Hall, and Dungen

The motion passed.

**9. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding 2018-2019 Community Development Grant applications from the Columbus Garden Club.**

- a) **2019 Columbus Trash-Off Day**
- b) **Midtown Park Butterfly Garden Landscaping**
- c) **Visitors Center Landscaping**
- d) **American Legion Landscaping**
- e) **Blue Star Highway Memorial**

There was no one present to speak on behalf of the Columbus Garden Club. They were requesting \$6,100.00. They were awarded \$2,500.00 last year. This year their application was broken down into specific projects, all for the beautification of the Columbus community.

Chuck Hall made a motion to approve \$6,100.00 for the Columbus Garden Club for their projects. Joel Usher seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Tesch, Usher, Hall, and Dungen

The motion passed.

**10. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding 2018-2019 Community Development Grant application from the Colorado County EMS.**

There was no one present to speak on behalf of the Colorado County EMS application. They were requesting \$12,000.00 for an ATV to be used at sporting events and fairs. Per Attorney Cary Bovey, to be qualified for 4B funds, there would need to be a written letter of intent from the county that the ATV would only be used for sporting events and fairs. There was discussion that there were other worthy opportunities at this time.

Dwain Dungen made a motion that CCIDC would pass, at this time, on the request from the Colorado County EMS application. Chuck Hall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Tesch, Usher, Hall, and Dungen

The motion passed.

**11. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding the 2018-2019 Business Improvement Grant application from Ronny Daly / Harbert's Garage.**

Ronny Daly was present and reported on the status of Harbert's Garage progress. Total cost of improvements for an overhead door and parking area are \$78,352.22. The Board thanked Ronny for all of his work in the community thus far to revitalize and improve the downtown area. Upon completion of the project, the grant would pay a maximum amount of \$7,500.00 towards the cost of this project.

Dwain Dungen made a motion to approve a \$7,500.00 grant for Harbert's Garage. Joel Usher seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Tesch, Usher, Hall, and Dungen

The motion passed.

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

There was no new interest reported at this time.

**13. Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 consultations with attorney, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 deliberation regarding real property and Section 551.087 deliberation regarding economic development.**

This item was not needed.

**14. 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.

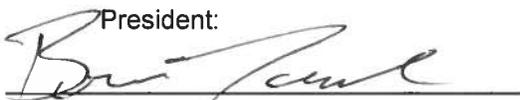
**15. Discussion of items to be placed on future agendas and announcements.<sup>2</sup>**

Bruce Tesch commented that since it had been raining, he and Donald Warschak had not made any contacts for trimming and cleanup out at the business park.

Bruce Tesch also thanked all of those citizens for applying for the Community & Business Grant funds. Awards over \$10,000.00 will need to go to City Council for two readings and approval.

**16. Adjournment.**

Bruce Tesch adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

President:  


Attest  
Secretary:  
