

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

The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in Regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 5:30 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	-	Dwain Dungen
Secretary	-	Larry Solansky
Board Member	-	Michael Ridlen
Board Member	-	Chuck Hall
Board Member	-	Shalor Townzen
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assistant City Secretary	-	Dinah Jacobs

**1. Call to Order.**

President Bruce Tesch called the CCIDC meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.**

Tesch led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

- a) Approval of Invoices.
- b) Approval of December 2020 Financial Statements.
- c) Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes for December 21, 2020.
- d) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for December 21, 2020.
- e) Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report ending December 31, 2020.

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

Ayes: Hall, Dungen, Solansky, Townzen, Ridlen, and Tesch  
Absent: Nunmaker

The motion passed.

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

There were none.

**5. City Manager's Report: Sales Tax and Update on Great Southern Wood Drainage.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave the report on sales tax, stating sales tax was down approximately \$11,000 compared to this time period last year. This is the January payment for November collections. The sales tax portion for CCIDC was \$40,372 compared to \$51,823 last year. Warschak stated the County saw a decrease, while the Cities of Weimar and Eagle Lake both saw increases.

Regarding the Great Southern Wood Drainage issue, Warschak, Tesch, and Mayor Gobert met with Commissioner Kubesch about two weeks ago to discuss the drainage problem that has still not been resolved. Photos were shown during the discussion. Kubesch stated he would go back and look through all of his notes. Tesch stated this was not a problem until the road appeared. Kubesch said that since the property on the other side of the road had been annexed, the Industrial Park should have the road. Tesch stated this is a county road within the City, and we will be visiting with our attorney about this. Michael Ridlen asked if any residents use this road. Dwain Dungen replied yes. When they closed the railroad crossings it became their way in and out. Ridlen questioned if the road was always passable. Dungen replied yes, but it dammed off the water and caused it to now flow into Great Southern. Tesch told Kubesch there was a drainage study

done by Scheibe Consulting. Kubesch agreed to looking into this problem and getting back in order to get something resolved. Kubesch still kept saying that once the property was annexed, the road came with it. Dungen stated, this was a problem prior to annexation and this was continually pointed out to Kubesch. Ridlen asked if there was a timeline, to which Tesch responded, he was told ASAP. Kubesch was shown the flooding on the map. Ridlen questioned how many times have we approached the county on this issue. Dungen stated it has been ongoing for at least 5 years now. Tesch stated we started with the Commissioner in hopes to get it resolved before having to go further, because it needs to be fixed. Ridlen stated he would be in favor of some sort of timeline, and if it is not adhered to, we take further action. Dungen replied, we are the ones getting hurt by all of this. Tesch stated it was self inflicted obstruction, which is illegal. Dungen suggested going to the Commissioner's Court. Tesch stated we are hoping to resolve here and if not, then we would go there next.

No action at this time. This will be revisited again next month.

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

There were only a couple looking for infrastructure, which is not available.

**7. 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.

**8. 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.

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

Tesch – we spoke to Little League, but we have not heard back from them in any form, so there is no discussion on them

Ridlen – stated he thinks the Little League is just getting their numbers together now that they know the scope of the program

Solansky – discussion item on website; he will have a report for next month's meeting


Townzen – Matt with the Little League said he was working on the application and would have it ready for the next meeting

There were no other announcements.

**13. Adjournment.**

With no further discussion or comments, Tesch adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

President:



Attest

Secretary:

