

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

The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in Regular session on Thursday, February 25, 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
Treasurer	-	Dwain Dungen (Absent)
Secretary	-	Larry Solansky
Board Member	-	Michael Ridlen
Board Member	-	Chuck Hall
Board Member	-	Shalor Townzen (Absent)
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 January 2021 Financial Statements.
- c) Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2021

Michael Ridlen made a motion to approve the consent agenda excluding the Brushline invoice. Andy Nunmaker seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.

There were none.

5. City Manager's Report: Sales Tax and Mowing Contract out for Bids.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave the report on sales tax. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. Warschak stated sales tax was up approximately \$4,000 compared to the same time period last year. This is the February payment for December collections. The sales tax portion for CCIDC was \$58,308.75 compared to \$54,311.20 last year. Warschak stated the County saw an increase, as well as the Cities of Weimar and Eagle Lake.

Warschak stated the mowing/maintenance contract will be open for bids. An ad will be in the newspaper. We will accept bids back until right before the next meeting, so the maintenance contract can be awarded at that time.

6. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding a website report from Larry Solansky.

Larry Solansky gave an overview of his findings upon searching on the web for Colorado County properties. A copy of his findings is attached to these minutes. He stated there is no easy way to get to the Industrial Park web page at this time without going through the City web page. There is also no way to see the number of hits on the web page. He suggested a Search Engine Optimizer. It will cost, but it will drive

traffic. Michael Ridlen suggested an additional tab on the City web page (next to the Economic Development tab) that would be a direct link to the Texas Crossroads Business Park page. He stated the City would probably have to take the initiative since it is on their web page. Melissa Houser was the original website designer of the new Texas Crossroads Business Park web page. It was suggested to have a meeting with Melissa to see what she could do to help with this.

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

There was only one inquiry from Tri County Realty inquiring for reference.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. to enter into Executive Session

8. 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.

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

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:21 p.m., with all members still present. There was nothing to bring back to the open meeting at this time. No Action was needed.

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

Ridlen questioned the status of the county road in the Business Park. Tesch reported there has been no word from anyone. Donald Warschak had correspondence to Cary Bovey, but has not heard back from him. There has been no word from Commissioner Kubesch either. Tesch suggested we keep steam rolling. We will check with Bovey to see what his findings were.

Dinah Jacobs stated the Little League had turned in an application for the Economic Development grant. The application has been sent to Bovey for review. Other announcements included area fish fries and fundraiser meals.

11. Adjournment.

With no further discussion or comments, Tesch adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

President:



Attest

Secretary:

