

# **NEDERLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

## **Minutes December 16, 2015**

### **MEETING**

A meeting of the Nederland Economic Development Corporation was called to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Nederland Economic Development Corporation Office, 1519 Boston Avenue, by President Craig J. Belaire.

### **QUORUM**

Board members present: Craig J. Belaire, Larry Ducharme, Jim McNeill, Regan Meaux, Billy Neal, Bert Rogers and Brian Swindel. Absent: None. Others present: Kay DeCuir, NEDC Executive Director and Christinia Herrmann, NEDC Administrative Secretary. Guests present: Chris Duque, Nederland City Manager, Marcy Messer of The Classy Peacock.

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO AMERICAN FLAG**

Secretary / Treasurer Bert Rogers gave the invocation and Vice President Larry Ducharme led the Pledge.

### **MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Reagan Meaux and seconded by Larry Ducharme to approve the minutes of November 12, 2015.**

**Motion carried.**

**Ayes: Belaire, Ducharme, McNeill, Meaux, Neal, Rogers and Swindel.**

**Noes: None. Absent: None**

**A motion was made by Larry Ducharme and seconded by Bert Rogers to approve the minutes of November 18, 2015.**

**Motion carried.**

**Ayes: Belaire, Ducharme, McNeill, Meaux, Neal, Rogers and Swindel.**

**Noes: None. Absent: None**

### **PRESENTATION: MARCY MESSER – THE CLASSY PEACOCK**

Marcy Messer of The Class Peacock thanked the Board of Directors for her PRIDE Award and complimented the Nederland EDC on what they do for the Nederland Business Community. In closing, Marcy invited the Board to attend The Classy Peacock's Special Event on Thursday, December 17, 2015 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The regular meeting was recessed at 4:35 p.m. by President Craig J. Belaire for the purpose of conducting an Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.087, to

discuss the offer of an incentive to a business prospect; Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071 to discuss litigation and/or legal advice; or Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.072 discuss potential acquisition, exchange, and/or release of property.

### **RECONVENE**

The regular meeting was reconvened by President Belaire at 4:44 p.m. President Belaire announced no action was needed on Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.087, to discuss the offer of an incentive to a business prospect; Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071 to discuss litigation and/or legal advice; or Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.072 to discuss potential acquisition, exchange, and/or release of property.

### **PRIDE PROGRAM**

A discussion was held regarding applications for the PRIDE Program.

An application was received from a business, Florida Tans located at 1112 Boston Avenue in Nederland, TX. They are requesting ten thousand dollars and no/100 (\$10,000.00) for a project totaling over forty thousand nine hundred eighty one dollars and no/100 (\$40,981.00).

**A motion was made by Regan Meaux and seconded by Larry Ducharme to approve the PRIDE Program application for Florida Tans in the amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars and no/100 (\$10,000.00) for cleaning, patching, and painting exterior façade, as well as installing a new awning at 1112 Boston Avenue in Nederland, Texas.**

**Motion carried.**

**Ayes: Craig J. Belaire, Larry Ducharme, Regan Meaux, Billy Neal, Bert Rogers and Brian Swindel.**

**Noes: None.**

**Abstained: Jim McNeill**

**Absent: None**

An application was received from Polish Nail Bar for a project consisting of signage located at 1601 South Hwy 69 in Nederland, TX. They are requesting five thousand six hundred sixty three dollars and 51/100 (\$5,663.51) for a project totaling eleven thousand three hundred twenty-seven dollars and .02/100 (\$11,327.02).

**A motion was made by Bert Rogers and seconded by Billy Neal to approve the PRIDE Program application for Polish Nail Bar in the amount not to exceed five thousand six hundred sixty-three dollars and .51/100 (\$5,663.51) for signage at 1601 South Hwy 69 in Nederland, Texas.**

**Motion carried.**

**Ayes: Craig J. Belaire, Larry Ducharme, Regan Meaux, Jim McNeill, Billy Neal, Bert Rogers and Brian Swindel**

**Noes: None. Absent: None**

Kay DeCuir informed the Board a business, Rosa's Mexican Restaurant, which had recently received a PRIDE Award of three thousand seventy-one dollars and .58/100 (\$3071.58) had closed effective December 15, 2015. Kay informed them that arrangement for repayment of the award was being made for the owner to pay five hundred eleven dollars and 93/100 (\$511.93) per month for six months beginning in February 2016.

**COMMUNICATION**


Kay DeCuir informed the Board of City Councils recent approval of a Hand Gun Resolution to update Personnel Policy and prohibit firearms from Open Meetings. She will discuss these items with attorney Jim Wimberley and place them on the EDC's January Agenda.

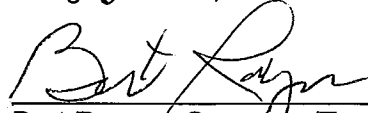
Kay also shared the following with the Board;

- Light Up Nederland Contest: 15 residents participated and the judging was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. The judging for the 16 business participants will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2015. Judges for the Business Category will be James Ware of Channel 6, Angel San Juan of Channel 12 and Rich Macke of The Port Arthur News.
- PRIDE 2014 – 2015 Program ended the year with 21 awards presented for a total of one hundred fifteen thousand six hundred nineteen dollars and .47/10 (\$115,619.47).
- PRIDE 2015 – 2016 Program – fifty-three thousand eight hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$53,857.00) has been award since October 1, 2015.
- CBA – working on nine with a possibility of three additional in January 2016
- Monitoring Update – all clients are current with the exception of one and they will be submitting their reports before Monday, December 21, 2015.
- Southeast Texas Economic Forecast Breakfast is Tuesday, January 12, 2016 from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. at the Event Center in Beaumont. We have thirteen seats available and need to know, by Friday, December 18, 2016, who plans to attend.
- Receiving calls from businesses looking for property to buy and renovate on Boston Avenue
- Worked with new Director of the Silsbee EDC and have been receiving many compliments on various aspects of the Nederland EDC from how our Board handles the grant programs to the design and information included on our website.

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further business, a motion was made by Regan Meaux and seconded by Larry Ducharme to adjourn meeting. President Belaire adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.**

  
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Craig J. Belaire, President

  
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Bert Rogers, Secretary/Treasurer