

# NEDERLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## Minutes November 17, 2021

### 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 Sylvia Root.

### QUORUM

Board members present: Don Albanese, Billy Doornbos, Bret Duplant, Mike Roebuck (arrived at 4:50pm), Sylvia Root and Anthony Toups.

Absent: Mitch Macon. Others present: Jim Wimberley, NEDC Attorney; Kay DeCuir, Executive Director and Christinia Herrmann, Executive Secretary. Guest; Stephen Hemelt, Port Arthur News, Henry LaBrie, Developer, Brandon Monk, Attorney for Mr. LaBrie; Floyd Batiste, Representative for Mr. LaBrie and Jerry LaBove, Port Arthur EDC Board Member.

### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

President Root gave the Invocation and led the Pledge

### MINUTES

**A motion was made by Bret Duplant and seconded by Don Albanese to approve the minutes of the of October 20, 2021 meeting.**

**Due to lack of quorum and the abstaining from vote by Doornbos and Toups, who were not in attendance for October 20, 2021 Meeting, the approval of these Minutes will be moved to January 2022 Meeting.**

**A motion was made by Bret Duplant and seconded by Billy Doornbos to approve the minutes of the of November 3, 2021 meeting.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Ayes: Albanese, Doornbos, Duplant, Root and Toups**

**Noes: None. Absent: Macon and Roebuck (arrived at 4:50 pm).**

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was recessed at 4:32 p.m. by President Root for the purpose of conducting an Executive Session of the Nederland Economic Development Corporation, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Chapter 551.087 Deliberations regarding Economic Development Incentives; and /or Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071 to discuss litigation and/or legal advice.

### RECONVENE

The regular meeting was reconvened by President Root at 5:15 p.m. President Root asked if anyone had any comments. Floyd Batiste stated he projected the Mid-County Plaza development would bring an increase of 12 to 15 % in sales tax to Nederland.

President Root announced no action was needed on Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.071, Litigation and/or legal advice.

President Root announced action was needed on Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.087-Deliberations regarding Economic Development Incentives;

**Mike Roebuck made a motion and Bret Duplant seconded the motion to award an incentive to Mid-County Plaza in an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars and no/100 (\$300,000.00) with a payback of 2.5 years.**

**Motion Carried**

**Ayes: Albanese, Doornbos, Duplant, Roebuck, Root and Toups.**

**Noes: None. Absent: Macon.**

### **PRIDE**

An application was received from a business, Taco Rey, for a project consisting of logo and digital signage at 1505 Nederland Avenue in Nederland, TX. They are requesting ten thousand dollars and no/100 (\$10,000.00) on a project totaling thirty-four thousand five hundred thirty-one dollars and .75/100 (\$34,531.75).

**A motion was made by Don Albanese and seconded by Anthony Toups to approve the PRIDE Program application for Taco Rey in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars and no/100 (\$10,000.00).**

**Motion carried.**

**Ayes: Albanese, Doornbos, Duplant, Roebuck, Root and Toups.**

**Noes: None. Absent: Macon**

### **COMMUNICATION**

Kay DeCuir informed the Board of the following;

- Bank of America closed today and signage was being removed
- Business Retention Dinner was held at Judice's and businesses with 25 to 50 years were honored
- Light Up Nederland Contest for Businesses will be held from December 1<sup>st</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> with winners for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place announced on December 20<sup>th</sup>
- Golf Cart Tour of Lights will be held December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. City ordinances pertaining to Golf Carts must be followed
- Holiday Basket Gift Away – last year we did the 12 Days of Christmas Gift Basket giveaway and this year will have three baskets to give away. Participants may submit receipts for purchases made beginning Shop Small Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> through December 17<sup>th</sup>. Drawings will be held December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Kay asked if the Board wanting to have the December Board Meeting at the usual time or if it needed to be changed to a lunch meeting. Board agreed usual time was best for everyone.

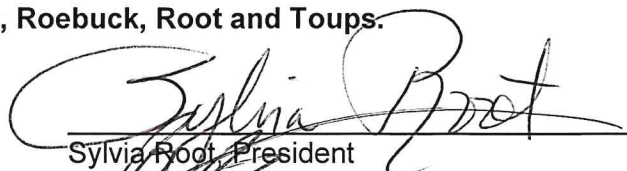
### **ADJOURN**


**There being no further business, Don Albanese made a motion and Billy Doornbos seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 pm.**

**Motion Carried**

**Ayes: Albanese, Doornbos, Duplant, Roebuck, Root and Toups.**

**Noes: None. Absent: Macon**

  
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Sylvia Root, President

  
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Bret Duplant, Vice-President