

NEDERLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Minutes September 25, 2024

MEETING

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

QUORUM

Board members present: Bret Duplant, Billy Wayne Doornbos, Mitch Macon, Kasey Taylor, Don Albanese, Billy Neal.

Others present Kay DeCuir Nederland EDC Executive Director, Maggie Guillot, Nederland EDC Admin. Asst., and Cheryl Dowden, Nederland EDC Finance Manager.

Absent: Anthony Touns and Jim Wimberley, Nederland EDC Attorney.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Bret Duplant gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Kasey Taylor and seconded by Mitch Macon to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024 meeting.

Motion Carried

Ayes: Billy Wayne Doornbos, Mitch Macon, Kasey Taylor, Don Albanese, Billy Neal, Bret Duplant.

Absent: Anthony Touns.

Abstain: None.

Noes: None.

INSURANCE

Jimmy Harrison and Savannah Gibson, Higginbotham Insurance, presented the Insurance commercial properties package for 2024-2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was recessed at 5:07 p.m. by President Bret Duplant 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; Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071 to discuss litigation and/or legal advice; Texas Government Code Chapter 551.072 to discuss acquisition, exchange and/or release of property.

RECONVENE

The regular meeting was reconvened by President Bret Duplant at 5:20 p.m. announced no action was needed on Texas Government Code Chapter 551.087 Deliberations regarding Economic Development Incentives; no action was needed for Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071 to discuss litigation and/or legal advice; and action was not needed for Texas Government Code Chapter 551.072 to discuss acquisition, exchange and/or release of property.

A motion was made by Billy Neal and seconded by Kasey Taylor to approve the 2024-2025 Insurance Renewal with Higginbotham Insurance as presented for all NEDC current properties at the amount of \$34,046.80 (thirty-four thousand forty-six dollars 80/00.) This goes into effect on October 1, 2024.

Motion Carried

Ayes: Bret Duplant, Billy Wayne Doornbos, Billy Neal, Don Albanese, Kasey Taylor, Mitch Macon.

Absent: Anthony Touns.

Noes: None.

FINACIALS

Cheryl Dowden, Nederland EDC Finance Manager, presented the financials.

A motion was made by Mitch Macon and seconded by Don Albanese to approve the financials as presented by Cheryl Dowden.

Motion Carried

Ayes: Bret Duplant, Billy Wayne Doornbos, Billy Neal, Don Albanese, Kasey Taylor, Mitch Macon.

Absent: Anthony Toups.

Noes: None.

COMMUNICATION

The Director shared the following with the Board;

- The Director has created a draft of a 3-year strategic plan that will be uploaded to our website once completed.
- The fiberglass Dutch shoes, that have been in the works for the last several months, are beginning to be made.
- Entergy dropped off 7 telephone poles and a transformer for the Off Boston Development. We will have to replace some sod that was torn up.
- The City of Nederland has approved to resurface Atlanta and the alleyway, so we may need to make a sign showing there will be no parking in that area.
- For Fall Market we have 80 booths out of 121 booths filled.
- Off Boston did not win the Economic Development award but we are being recognized with a plaque at the end of October as a nominated project for Off Boston.
- The Nederland EDC Board has been invited to attend our Celebration of Business Dinners in October.
- The NEDC and Jerry Diaz concert series has gone really well with 125-135 people in attendance. Our last concert for this series will be October 3.
- We discussed who would be sitting at our table at Boots and Bull on September 26.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Billy Neal and seconded by Don Albanese to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Motion Carried

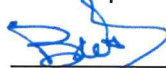
Ayes: Bret Duplant, Billy Wayne Doornbos, Billy Neal, Don Albanese, Kasey Taylor, Mitch Macon.

Absent: Anthony Toups.

Noes: None.



Bret Duplant, President



Billy Wayne Doornbos, Vice President or Mitch Macon,
Sec/Treasurer