

**LLANO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 25, 2021**

**OPEN MEETING**

1. Call to Order
  - Allen Hopson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with the following members present: Marianne Fraser, Eric Schuessler and Fred Cook. Pat McDowell joined via Zoom.
  - Also in attendance were: Mayor Gail Lang, Scott Edmonson, Lynda Kuder, Eugene Long, Tony Guidroz, Ray Craig and Mrs. Leeder from The Llano News.
2. Public Comments
  - No public comments.
3. Discuss and Consider – Meeting Minutes for September 28, 2020
  - Motion was made by Marianne Fraser and seconded by Eric Schuessler to accept the minutes as presented.
  - The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Discussion Only – Financial Report for December, 2020
  - Lynda reported that the sales tax numbers are up approximately 23% from a year ago each month for the last several months.
  - There is approximately \$595K in the fund balance.
5. Discuss and Consider – Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer
  - Eric Schuessler volunteered for this position.
  - Motion was made by Pat McDowell and seconded by Marianne Fraser to appoint Eric Schuessler to the position of Secretary/Treasurer.
  - The motion was approved unanimously.
6. Discuss and Consider – Workforce Solutions Grant Participation Request
  - Gail Davalos and Fay Crider from Workforce Solutions presented their request for the Llano EDC to again partner with the Burnet and Marble Falls EDC's to contribute to the matching grant from Texas Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area to train adults in certain high demand occupations.
  - LEDC's 2019 participations included \$5K toward the grant match and a separate \$5K contribution for administration costs. Due to the pandemic, there were no participations in 2020.
  - Allen added that there is no room in this FY's budget to contribute toward administration costs.
  - This grant year's education will be certified medical assistant, plumbing and electrician.
  - Gail added that the Hill Country Builder's Association has become a large stakeholder in the education process by allowing the trainings to take place in their facility in Marble Falls, moving WSRCA out of the Marble Falls High School.
  - Fay discussed a different grant that she is working on from Walmart called the PATHS grant. This grant focuses on retail skills training and is provided free, beginning in February. Tony and Fay discussed this grant and the two will discuss it in more detail as it applies to Llano.
  - Pat also discussed that the Llano hospital is now an acute care facility managed by Mid Coast, a smaller hospital system, and will have a need for medical coding and lab technicians.

- Fay added that the Rural Capital Area is initiating a health care grant and will get with Cummings Smith, Mid Coast's local contact regarding this.
  - Motion was made by Pat McDowell and seconded by Fred Cook to contribute \$5,000 to Workforce Solutions for participation in the High Demand Job Training Grant. This contribution will come from the business recruitment line item.
  - The motion was approved unanimously.
7. Discuss and Consider – Parks Project: Golf Course Pavilion
- Allen reported that he has discussed potential pavilion plans with Scott McDonough.
  - Other park projects discussed include: Robinson, Badu & Grenwelge Park bathrooms and sidewalk/access paths between pavilion and playground at Robinson Park.
  - No action taken.
8. Discuss and Consider – Appointment of Sub-Committee for Fiber Feasibility
- Allen reviewed a PowerPoint presentation from BEC (Bandera Electric Coop) Fiber.
  - Scott added there is a lot of leg work to be done by the City to provide requested information to BEC.
  - Tony will formulate a broadband needs survey for local businesses to gauge interest for BEC.
  - Scott added if it comes to fruition, it will create new jobs.
  - Motion was made by Eric Schuessler and seconded by Pat McDowell to appoint the following LEDC members to a Fiber Feasibility Sub-Committee: Allen Hopson, Pat McDowell and Marianne Fraser.
  - The Motion was approved unanimously.
9. Discuss and Consider – Invoices and Timesheets
- Motion was made by Fred Cook and seconded by Eric Schuessler to approve the invoices and timesheets as submitted.
  - The motion was approved unanimously.
10. Reports
- Eric reported that Josh Mayfield, Llano Farm Bureau, might be interested in serving on the board.
  - Tony reported on the benefits of membership in the Texas Economic Development Council.
11. Adjourn
- With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.



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Eric Schuessler, Secretary/Treasurer  
Llano Economic Development Corporation