

City of Umland, Texas
Economic Development Corporation

Minutes of the June 19, 2019 Meeting

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Marian Loep

2. Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Barbara Ilse, Daniel Heideman, Sharon Heideman, Karen Gallaher, Kathy Nowell, Marian Loep, and Ann Miller EDC Consultant/. Member(s) absent: Karina Ortega.

Guest(s) present: Erica Heideman

3. Public comments

No public comments

4. Discussion and possible action on approving meeting minutes of May 29, 2019.

Karen Gallaher made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Kathy Nowell seconded. Motion carried. (Correction to show in the minutes that Karina Ortega was absent)

Sharon Heideman stated that she wished to resign from the EDC board. Erica Heideman has agreed to join the board pending approval by the city council. Sharon will turn in her letter of resignation.

5. Discussion and possible action on approving financial statement for May 2019. Daniel

Heideman stated that the balance as of May 31 is \$271,998.52. Barbara Ilse made a motion to approve the financial report. Karen Gallaher seconded. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action on Amendments to the Umland Economic Development Corporation Bylaws.

Ann Miller submitted a copy of the proposed amended bylaws to the board prior to the meeting. Members addressed a few corrections/changes that should be made. Ann will submit amended bylaws to Karen Gallaher for inclusion on the next City Council agenda. Daniel Heideman made a motion to accept the bylaws as amended with corrections subject to legal approval. Karen Gallaher seconded. Motion carried.

If a board member is absent for three consecutive meetings, that person needs to be contacted to see if they are still able to serve. This needs to go into effect tonight.

All board members need to take the open meetings act training online by the next meeting.

Board would like to see minutes and financial report sent along with agenda prior to next meeting.

Daniel, Erica, and Marian will serve as a subcommittee to work on our budget for next year. Ann will assist them and this should be accomplished by the August meeting.

7. Discussion on Economic Development Consultant Update.

Ann has had a chance to tour the city along with Karen and Marian. She is working on marketing and public relations this week. EDC needs a logo or we can use the city logo but show EDC.

We need to reach out to news media for press release to promote all businesses including K&J.

8. Discussion and direction to consultant regarding Economic Development Priorities

Four options were discussed and ranked in this order:

- (1) Infrastructure wastewater (construction of a lift station to serve businesses in Uhland)
- (2) Clean up of downtown
- (3) Acquisition of property to aide in development
- (4) Creation of direct business incentives.

9. Discussion and possible action on how communications should be structured between EDC members and consultant

Current process seems to be working fine.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 5:30. Items to be included on the agenda are: Report from Ann Miller, incentives and grants, meeting minutes, financial report.

Daniel made a motion to adjourn. Kathy seconded. Motion carried – meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.