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BOARD MEETING MINUTES – January 14, 2019

PRESENT: Billy Whisenant, Carolyn Lawrence, Jerod Peek, Gil Cherry, Joseph Crouch, Ken Becker, Patty Torres, Russell Jones, Stacy Fritz, Mark Martin, Karen Hunt

CALL TO ORDER: 10:30 AM by Chairman Billy Whisenant

PRAYER: Jerod Peek

Mark Martin, local business owner, asked to speak to the Board concerning the Sutherland's Incentive Agreement. Chairman Whisenant welcomed Mark and gave him the floor. Mark is concerned that incentivizing a lumber yard/retail outlet is unfair to those businesses that are already here. He stated that if we do give the incentive, why not give to those already in business. Mr Whisenant stated that we would give to a local company if they planned to do what Sutherland's committed to; purchase, renovate Kmart building and hire approx. 15 FTE and 15 PTE. Ken Becker, from a staff perspective, stated that we are hired to use the tools given to us by the law to grow our economic development opportunities. As a Type A, the tool box was limited to "Primary Job" type projects. Our community voted in the MDD which added tools to our tool box such as (working w/ retail, parks, developers, etc.). Ken also stated that he did recommend the Sutherland project to the SEED Board and the City Council. Billy thanked Mark for his time and his comments.

ACTION ITEMS:

MINUTES: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the Dec. 10th & 18th, 2018 meetings. Carolyn Lawrence made the motion to approve the minutes. Joseph Crouch seconded. The motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Board to review and consider approving accounts payables. Joseph Crouch made the motion to approve the accounts payables. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried.

FINANCIALS: Board to review and consider approving the November 2018 financial statements. Patty Torres presented "2" options on the Statement of Revenues. The one like the most by the Board was the one w/ 5 columns. The Board thanked Patty for her work. Jerod Peek made the motion to approve the financials. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried.

Executive Director Update (Ken Becker):

- Dog Park: possible opening by April 1, 2019
- Tours/Panel: Leadership S'water, Japanese Business Journal – Wind Tour, Powering Texas (2019 Energy & W'force Policy Summit)– wind panel in Austin, Rod Wetsel – Lifetime Achievement in Oil, Gas & Energy Law, Texas A&M and UNT wind tour, gave an update at the Morgan RE & Economic Dev event
- Oil & Gas: Price uncertainty but steady
- SEED office space had water damage – repairs are IP
- Assistant position: narrowed to 4 candidate w/ interviews this week
- ICSC: Building a marketing plan to address inquires
- Icy Breeze: Moving into new building, working a product show in Orlando – PGA
- Young Professionals: (hosted by The Chamber) After hours event Jan. 24th sponsored by SEED – 4th Thursday of each Month
- Social Media: we have posted more than a dozen job openings
- Logistics: Sand movement has almost stopped, crude & metals are staying strong, pipe may be coming again
- Misc: Working w/ Housing Dev, more wind/solar projects looking at Nolan County, Mfg is steady & strong

Go into Executive Session: A motion was made by Carolyn Lawrence to enter into Executive Session w/ a 2nd by Jerod Peek. The motion carried.

Return to Regular Session: A motion was made by Jerod Peek to re-enter into Regular Session w/ a 2nd from Joseph Crouch. The motion carried.

There being no further business, Gil Cherry made the motion to adjourn with a second from Jerod Peek. The motion carried.