City of Valentine

Regular Economic Development Meeting

Monday, October 30, 2023 6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Valentine Economic Development Board was held on Monday, October 30, 2023 6:00 p.m. at Mid Plains Community College Valentine Campus. Notice of the Open Meetings Act was provided as required by law.

Board President Nadeane Allard opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the following board members present Whitney Mayhew, Deanne Holmes, Tyler Brown. Sean Markus was absent.

Board member Mayhew made a motion to approve the September 26, 2023 meeting minutes, Board member Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial report was provided, current economic development fund balance is $1,177,350.26

Update was provided regarding the status of the Housing Project. The invitation for bids was advertised in the Midland News newspaper, bids will be due on December 8th 11:00 a.m. Central Standard Time.

Update was provided on the Leadership program.

Update was provided on progress towards becoming a certified creative district. The workbook has been submitted, we will be having a site visit on November 8th. The creative district partners will be having a strategic planning session during the month of November shortly after the site visit, date has yet to be determined.

Updated provided on area businesses taking advantage of programs offered by Heartland Energy.

Discussion held about possibilities for a theater, it was determined that we should form an exploratory group.

Update was provided regarding the meeting held with the Citizens Advisory committee.

Update provided regarding Wayfinding signage.

Michele Conine Façade Grant request was presented, Whitney Mayhew made a motion to approve the application for $5,715.96. There was not a second to the motion, motion failed.

Deanne Holmes made a motion to approve Austin Arens Consulting fees ($1,350) for the Wayfinding Signage project. Whitney Mayhew seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by:

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