



Athens Economic Development Corporation

Board of Directors

Minutes of Work Session

April 1, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Athens Economic Development Corporation (hereinafter referred to as AEDC) held a Work Session at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday April 1, 2021 in the Derek D. Daniels Room of the Athens Partnership Center located at 201 W Corsicana Street, Athens, Texas.

Directors present: Will Traxson, John Trent, Mark Ferrell, Randy Jones, Danny Tidmore, Donna Meredith, and Cliff Bomer

Staff Present Joanie Ahlers, Executive Director and Valerie Franklin, Office Manager

Ex-Officio: Mayor Monte Montgomery and City Manager Elizabeth Borstad

Guest: Councilmen Robert Gross

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 A.M. by President Will Traxson for all agenda items. A quorum was present.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

Public Communication

None.

Consider discussion and possible action concerning spec building

There was discussion concerning a spec building. Executive Director Ahlers explained she receives two to three calls per week inquiring about buildings for sale. There was discussion about the specifications of a spec building such as approximate size of 25,000-30,000 square feet, clear span, and dirt floor, on three to four acres of land. There was discussion on the height of the walls, width, and overhead doors. It was determined an architect will need to be used.

The board discussed the location for the spec building. The property off 1616, the property next to it and Lot 5 in the Industrial Park were possible locations.

There was a discussion about building a road or a cul-de-sac so possible other development. Cost was discussed.

The use of an architect was discussed. Also requesting RFQ or RFP. Director Danny Tidmore, Will Traxson and Cliff Bomer will work with Joanie Ahlers on what will be required.

Consider discussion and possible action regarding Industrial Park Land

Executive Director Ahlers presented properties available in the Industrial Park area that are owned by the AEDC. The 300 acres near the airport is land that the AEDC owns and is a potential industrial park area. Selling the airport land is another option. The drainage was discussed.

Hearn Surveying has done a topo on the property for an engineering firm previously. This will be looked at in the future.

Consider discussion regarding AEDC website refresh

A sitemap was included. Executive Director Ahlers asked for board members to serve on a board to discuss things about the website. Volunteers were Will Traxson, Mark Ferrell and Donna Meredith. Indeed.com is the worksite that will be used for jobs.

Adjourn

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Randy Jones, Secretary

Will Traxson, President