

**Waller Economic Development Corporation**

**Meeting Minutes**

2/08/2021

**I. Call to order**

**Royce Rape** called the February Meeting of the **WEDC** to order at 3:06 p.m. on 2/08/2021 on zoom call. In attendance: John Isom, Chuck Sciana, Anthony Edmonds, Cheryl Liere, Bill Fendley, Royce Rape, and Gene Schmidt, Rhonda Plata.

**II. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

January WEDC meeting minutes from 1/11/2021 were approved as presented after Anthony questioned why the City Attorney was going to moderate the Workshop. A motion from Bill, and a second by Royce and passed with a positive vote.

Financial Report – There were 2 ½ payments made to the Buc-ee’s account. 9% sales tax behind 2020 sales tax revenue. Royce made the motion to accept the Financials as presented, Bill made the second and the motion passed with a positive vote.

**III. Open issues**

A. Project Hydrate – bottling manufacturer – requirement for water/sewer were huge and would trigger immediate need for COW facility upgrades. The decision was to not submit due to the water/sewer needs..

B. Titan – David Wolf is also offering a large incentive. GHP lead Biopharmaceutical manufacturer: 50 acres, 400 jobs, \$120,000 average salary, \$500-715M CapEx, 200Ksf building. Replied to RFI on Jan 7 with two sites: Beacon Hill and Binford Business Park. Waller did not make the cut.

C. ESD 200 Sales Tax Election – 1% sales tax throughout ESD, installs a 1% ESD sales tax in all unincorporated areas of their district. ESD lawyers want decisions to be made on a case-by-case basis or sharing of ESD tax based on City infrastructure needs. John has suggested a simple agreement to negate issues in the future.

D. SizeUP – a website plugin that can be used by local entrepreneurs and small businesses to understand the market and create a business plan or create new plans for growth. Total cost = \$4995/year. Waller County EDP willing to host plugin & asking city EDOs if will support with \$1250/year each in return for sponsorship on the website. WEDC would promote to local Waller companies. John doesn’t believe Hempstead or Brookshire will participate.

Next Meeting: 3/9/2021 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m. Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Plata

Minutes approved by:

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