



## Economic Development Corporation

**MINUTES of a Regular Called Meeting of the San Benito Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors held on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. at 701 N. Bowie St., San Benito, Cameron County, Texas 78586.**

**Board Meeting Presided by Julian Rios, President**  
**Board Meeting Time: 1hr 47min**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*Julian Rios, President*

*Rene Garcia, Vice President*

*Deborah Morales, Board Member*

*Mario Silva, Board Member*

*Adrian Gonzalez, Board Member*

*Mayor Ricardo Guerra, Ex-Officio Member*

*Encarnacion Lopez, Board Member*

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

*Jeremy Maya, Secretary/Treasurer*

**EDC STAFF:**

*Katarina Guerra, EDC Economic Development Specialist*

*Octavio Rodriguez, EDC Intern*

**Others Present:**

*Manuel De La Rosa, City of San Benito City Manager/EDC Chief Executive Officer*

*Mark Sossi, EDC Attorney*

**Meeting – 5:41 PM**

**1. Determination of a quorum;**

*Mr. Julian Rios, EDC President* made welcoming remarks. A quorum was determined to be present.

**2. Call to Order;**

*Mr. Julian Rios, EDC President* called the meeting to order at 5:41 PM.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge;** (Presented by O. Rodriguez)

Pledge of Allegiance & Texas Flag Pled was led by *Mr. Octavio Rodriguez*, San Benito EDC Intern.

**4. Invocation;** (Presented by J. Rios) Invocation was done by *Mr. Julian Rios*.

**5. Public Comments;** (Presented by K. Guerra / J. Rios)

No public comments were made.

**6. Rio Sports Live Sponsorship Update** (J. Bowling)

Mr. Bowling, Owner of Rio Sports Live, was not able to attend the November 1, 2021 SBEDC Board Meeting due to a change of date for the meeting and having prior engagements for the new meeting date. No update was given.

This amendment included language to The EDC board reviewed the submitted bylaws and discussed that they would approve the amendment with added revisions that include language to change annual board meetings to be every November of the year.

A motion to approve the San Benito Economic Development Corporation Bylaws with the added revision was made by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Julian Rios](#). Voting Aye: [Mr. Rene Garcia](#), [Mr. Adrian Gonzalez](#), [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#), and [Mr. Mario Silva](#), [Mr. Julian Rios](#). Voting Nay: [Mrs. Deborah Morales](#). The motion passed.

**11. Discussion and Possible Action on Amendment #3 to the Performance Agreement between VARCO and the San Benito Economic Development Corporation (Presented by K. Guerra/ M. Sossi)**

As discussed during the August 25, 2021, EDC Board of Directors meeting and specifically requested by Ms. Deborah Morales, Board Member a discussion was made to add some language to the Performance Agreement between VARCO and the San Benito Economic Development Corporation. This language was to include a due date as to which VARCO will pay the property taxes to the EDC. Further discussion and approval will be included on the next EDC Board Meeting.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

[A motion to move to Item 14 was made by Mr. Adrian Gonzalez. The motion was seconded by Mr. Encarnacion Lopez. The motion was approved.](#)

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on revisions to the Small Business Investment Program- Rent Subsidy Grant Guideline and Application (Presented by K. Guerra)**

Revisions for the Small Business Investment Program- Rent Subsidy Grant Guideline and Application were recommended to the board for their consideration since a new Fiscal Year had begun and the language needed to be corrected to match the new year. After discussion the board decided to make the following revisions:

- Strike out "FY 2021-2021"
- Correct the grammar from "incompliance" to "in compliance"

A motion to approve the Small Business Investment Program- Rent Subsidy Grant Guideline and Application with revisions as discussed was made by [Mr. Adrian Gonzalez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Mario Silva](#). Voting Aye: [Mr. Rene Garcia](#), [Mr. Julian Rios](#), [Mr. Adrian Gonzalez](#), [Mr. Julian Rios](#), [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#), [Mr. Mario Silva](#), and [Mrs. Deborah Morales](#). The motion passed.

- C. Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Governmental Code, Section 551.071 to receive confidential legal advice protected by the attorney client communication and work product privilege

A motion to proceed with Item B as discussed in Executive Session was made by **Mr. Julian Rios**. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Rene Garcia**. The motion carried **unanimously**. The motion passed.

**16. Board Comments**

For Discussion Purposes Only. No Action was needed or taken.


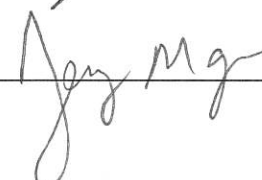
**17. Determination of Date and Time for the next San Benito EDC Board of Directors Meeting (J. Rios)**

Next meeting will be November 22, 2021, at 5:30PM. This will be the San Benito EDC's Annual Board Meeting.

**18. Meeting Adjournment. (R. Garcia)**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28PM. A motion was made by **Mr. Adrian Gonzalez**. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Rene Garcia**. The motion carried unanimously. The motion passed.

**Approved by EDC Board on November 22, 2021**

	Julian Rios, EDC President
	Jeremy Maya, EDC Treasurer/ Secretary