



## **Economic Development Corporation**

**NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SAN BENITO EDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
In Person, on Thursday, November 3, 2022, AT 5:30**

**Approved Meeting Minutes** of a Regular Meeting of the San Benito Economic Development Corporation held by In Person, Videoconference or Telephone Call, on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 5:30PM.

### **Board Meeting Presided by Mr. Julian Rios, President**

#### **Board Members Present**

Mr. Julian Rios, President  
Mr. Encarnacion Lopez, Vice President  
Mr. Jeremy Maya, Board Member,  
Mrs. Deborah Morales, Board Member  
Mr. Adrian Gonzalez, Secretary/Treasurer

#### **Board Member Absent**

Mr. Ben Gomez, Board Member,  
Mayor Ricardo Guerra, Ex-Officio Member

#### **EDC Staff Present**

Mr. Ramiro Aleman, Executive Director  
Mr. Angel Avila, Economic Development Specialist

#### **Others Present**

Ms. Linda De La Rosa, San Benito Chamber of Commerce Secretary  
Ms. Cathy Weaver, San Benito Chamber of Commerce Executive Director  
Ms. Toni Crane, San Benito Chamber of Commerce Chair  
Ms. Isabel Boswell, San Benito Chamber of Commerce Board Member  
Mrs. Stephanie Sarrionandia, City of San Benito Assistant Finance Director  
Mr. Mark Sossi, Attorney

1. **Determination of a quorum** (J. Rios)  
**Mr. Julian Rios** made welcoming remarks and determined quorum.
2. **Call to Order** (J. Rios)  
**Mr. Julian Rios** called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge** (A. Avila)  
**Mr. Angel Avila** led the pledge of allegiance and Texas flag pledge.
4. **Public Comments** (J. Rios)  
One Public Comment from **Ms. Tori Crane**, San Benito Chamber of Commerce Chair
5. **Presentation and Acknowledgement of the San Benito EDC Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2022** (E. Rosas)

The San Benito EDC Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2022 were presented by [Ms. Elisa Rosas](#), Finance Director.

A motion to approve the San Benito EDC Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2022 was made by [Mr. Adrian Gonzalez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

**6. Presentation and Acknowledgement of the San Benito EDC USDA IRP Reports for the period ending August 31, 2022 (E. Rosas)**

The San Benito EDC USDA IRP Reports for the period ending August 31, 2022 were presented by [Ms. Elisa Rosas](#), Finance Director.

A motion to approve the San Benito EDC USDA IRP Reports for the period ending August 31, 2022 was made by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mrs. Deborah Morales](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

**7. Consideration and Possible Action on the Regular EDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2022 (A. Avila)**

[Mr. Avila](#) present the Regular EDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2022 for the Boards review and consideration.

[Mr. Julian Rios](#) reviewed the minutes and mention that on Item 13 the word motion was missing.

A motion to approve the Regular EDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2022 with the edits made by [Mr. Julian Rios](#) was made by [Mr. Julian Rios](#). The Motion was second by [Mr. Adrian Gonzalez](#). There were 4 votes in favor and 1 member abstained.

Votes in favor were by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#), [Mr. Julian Rios](#), [Mr. Adrian Gonzalez](#), [Mrs. Deborah Morales](#).

[Mr. Jeremy Maya](#) abstained since he was not present for the August 24, 2022 Board of Director Meeting.

**8. Consideration and Possible Action on the Special Called EDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for September 7, 2022 (A. Avila)**

[Mr. Avila](#) present the Special Called EDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for September 7, 2022 for the Boards review and consideration.

A motion to approve Special Called EDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for September 7, 2022 was made by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The Motion was second by [Mrs. Deborah Morales](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

**9. Consideration and Possible Action on the Renewal of San Benito Chamber of Commerce Membership (R. Aleman)**

[Mr. Ramiro Aleman](#) presented this item and stated that the San Benito Chamber of Commerce is here for any questions the board may have.



Mrs. Deborah Morales asked what other levels of memberships are there? Ms. Tori Crane then handed out papers with all the level and benefits of each membership.

Mr. Ramiro Aleman than stated we have already taken care of TEDC. That allows us to purchase a higher membership.

A motion to approve the Renewal of San Benito Chamber of Commerce Membership to a \$500 dollar membership was made by Mrs. Deborah Morales. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adrian Gonzalez. Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

**10. Consideration and Possible Action on the Sponsorship for Casino Night scheduled for November 17 by the San Benito Chamber of Commerce (R. Aleman)**

Mr. Ramiro Aleman presented the Sponsorship for Casino Night for the board's consideration and review.

A motion to approve the Craps Table Sponsorship with a purchase of additional tickets for Casino Night was made by Mr. Julian Rios. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeremy Maya. Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

**11. Consideration and Possible Action on the Renewal of RGV Partnership (R. Aleman)**

Mr. Ramiro Aleman presented the Renewal of RGV Partnership for the board's consideration and review.

A motion to approve the Renewal of RGV Partnership was made by Mrs. Deborah Morales. The motion was seconded by Mr. Encarnacion Lopez. Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

**12. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Communications Services. (R. Aleman)**

Mr. Ramiro Aleman presented the Communications Services for the board's consideration and review. He stated we have no use for the cable we have with spectrum so he would like to switch it out for access points due to the modem being in the back of the building. He wants to cancel the communication services as well.

A motion to remove the T.V. from the Spectrum Business plan and adding the WIFI access point for Spectrum Voip and cancelling the answering service was made by Mr. Adrian Gonzalez. The motion was seconded by Mr. Encarnacion Lopez. Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

**13. Consideration and Possible Action on the award of the Small Business Investment Program- Rent Subsidy Grant for The Angelina Jazelle Store (A. Avila)**

Mr. Avila present the Small Business Investment Program- Rent Subsidy Grant for The Angelina Jazelle Store for the Boards review and consideration.

A motion to approve the award of the Small Business Investment Program- Rent Subsidy Grant for The Angelina Jazelle Store was made by Mrs. Deborah Morales. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeremy Maya. Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

**14. Consideration and Possible Action on releasing the Community Development & Marketing Manager job posting. (R. Aleman)**

Mr. Ramiro Aleman presented the release on the Community Development & Marketing Manager job posting for the board's consideration and review.

A motion to approve the release of the Community Development & Marketing Manager job posting with adding the edit of grant experience to the job description was made by [Mr. Adrian Gonzalez](#). The Motion was second by [Mrs. Deborah Morales](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

#### **15. Executive Session**

- A) Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 to receive confidential legal advice protected by the attorney client communication and work privilege.
- B) Liberation regarding economic development negotiation pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.087 (2) to Discuss Project Cowboy
- C) Liberation regarding economic development negotiation pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.087 to Discuss Project Rio

Board entered executive session at - 6:09 PM

Board Reconvened into Public Session at – 6:35 PM

#### **16. Action, if any to be taken on items discussed in Executive Session**

**Item B)** A motion to allow executive director negotiate project Cowboy and present the negotiations to the board was made by [Mr. Adrian Gonzalez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

**Item C)** A motion to allow executive director negotiate project Rio and present the negotiations to the board was made by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mrs. Deborah Morales](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

#### **17. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Rent Subsidy Recipient Rolling Smoke Barbeque (J. Rios)** [Mr. Avila](#) present the item regarding the Rent Subsidy Recipient Rolling Smoke Barbeque for the Boards review and consideration.

A motion for [Mr. Mark Sossi](#) to draft a letter for this Rent Subsidy Recipient as discussed in executive session was made [Mr. Julian Rios](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.


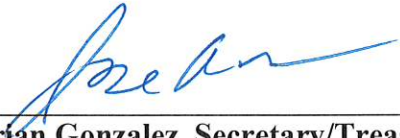
#### **18. Determination of Date and Time for the next San Benito EDC Board of Directors Meeting**

It was determined the next San Benito EDC Board of Directors Meeting would be held on November 14, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

#### **19. Meeting Adjournment (J. Rios)**

A motion to adjourn was made by [Mrs. Deborah Morales](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Adrian Gonzalez](#). Upon a unanimous vote the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

**Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.**

	
<b>Julian Rios, President</b>	<b>Adrian Gonzalez, Secretary/Treasurer</b>