



**Approved Meeting Minutes** of a Regular Meeting of the San Benito Economic Development Corporation will be held by In Person, Videoconference or Telephone Call, on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 5:30 PM.

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

**Board Members Present**

Mr. Julian Rios, President  
Mr. Encarnacion Lopez, Vice President  
Mr. Adrian Gonzalez, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mr. Alex Salinas, Board Member  
Mr. Jeremy Maya, Board Member,  
Mrs. Deborah Morales, Board Member  
Mr. Ben Gomez, Board Member  
Mayor Ricardo Guerra, Ex-Office Member

**Board Members Absent**

**EDC Staff Present**

Mr. Ramiro Aleman, Executive Director  
Ms. Julia Landrum, Community & Marketing Manager  
Mr. Angel Avila, Economic Development Specialist

**Others Present**

Ms. Elisa Rosas, City of San Benito Finance Director  
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 5:35 PM.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge (J. Landrum)**  
Ms. Julia Landrum led the pledge of allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge.
- 4. Public Comments (J. Rios)**  
**No Public Comments**
- 5. Presentation and Acknowledgement of the San Benito EDC Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2022 (E. Rosas)**  
The San Benito EDC Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2022 was presented by Ms. Elisa Rosas, Finance Director.

Mrs. Deborah Morales asked Ms. Elisa Rosas about the begging to end process of these financial reports and from which end during the process who does the initial numbered report. This was due to the fact Mr. Ramiro Aleman had found a tax discrepancy in the last report before the EDC was charged.

A motion to approve the San Benito EDC Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2022, was made by Mr. Adrian Gonzalez. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Deborah Morales. Upon a unanimous vote the motion carried.

Mr. Ben Gomez left at 5:42 P.M.

Mr. Ben Gomez reentered the meeting room at 5:51 P.M.

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

The San Benito EDC USDA IRP Reports for the period ending December 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 December 31, 2022 was made by Mr. Ben Gomez. The motion was seconded by Mr. Encarnacion Lopez. Upon an unanimous vote the motion carried.

**7. Consideration and Possible Action on the award of the Small Business Investment Program- Rent Subsidy Grant for Body Fuel Fitness (A. Avila)**

The Rent Subsidy Grant for Body Fuel Fitness was presented by Mr. Angel Avila.

A motion to approve the Rent subsidy Grant for Body Fuel Fitness was made Mrs. Deborah Morales. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ben Gomez. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was carried.

**8. Consideration and Possible Action on sponsorship for Chamber of Commerce Resaca City Bike Tour (R.Aleman)**

Mr. Ramiro Aleman will present this item regarding the consideration/possible sponsorship of the Resaca City Bike Tour with 2 medals.

A motion to approve the sponsorship was made by Mr. Julian Rios. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ben Gomez. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**9. Consideration and Possible Action on Roof Repairs (R. Aleman)**

Mr. Ramiro Aleman will present this item. The consideration of possibly repairing the EDC building roof due to safety regulations regarding weather were discussed after a 2-year delay period.

A motion by Mr. Julian Rios was made and Mr. Encarnacion Lopez seconded the motion. However, they were two Nay's by Mr. Ben Gomez and Mrs. Deborah Morales as they requested an itemized list of expenses included.

Mr. Adrian Gonzalez left at 6:26 P.M.

**10. Consideration and Possible Action on Website Development (R. Aleman)**



[Mr. Ramiro Aleman](#) will present this item regarding a 1-year contract with MPC Studio to help with website development and content captures.

A motion by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#) was made to approve the partnership. The motion was seconded by [Mr. Jeremy Maya](#). Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**11. Consideration and Possible Action on Budget for Commercialization Tour and Project Cowboy Announcement (R. Aleman)**

[Mr. Ramiro Aleman](#) will present this item regarding the new, updated, EDC sign with UTRGV along with expenses. UTRGV will contribute >\$2,000 and the EDC will contribute \$2,500 for the collaborative sign. Additional expenses discussed include the ‘Calacas’ sponsorship event, event tables, food and beverages, and new professional attire all with a \$6,000 budget.

A motion by [Mr. Alex Salinas](#) was made and the motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**12. Consideration and Possible Action on STMA membership (R. Aleman)**

[Mr. Ramiro Aleman](#) will present this item of joining the STMA group, which helps business and in turn help manufactures and creates jobs, for a membership fine of \$500 dollars.

A motion by [Mr. Julian Rios](#) was made and the motion was seconded by [Mrs. Deborah Morales](#). Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**13. Discussion and Acknowledgement on RGV MPO La Paloma Sidewalk Project (J. Rios)**

[Mr. Ramiro Aleman](#) will present this item.

A motion by [Mr. Ben Gomez](#) was made. The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**14. Executive Session**

- A. Under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071: consultation with attorney regarding the following: Resaca Village project; (M. Sossi)
- B. Under Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel: to deliberate the employment and evaluation of SBEDC Staff personnel; (M. Sossi)

Executive session began at 7:34.

Executive session ended at 8:11.

**15. Action, if any to be taken on items discussed in Executive Session; (J. Rios)**

Motion to move forward with Item A as discussed in executive session by [Mr. Adrian Gonzalez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mrs. Deborah Morales](#).



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

The next regular scheduled board meeting for the year is Thursday, April 20, 2023.

**17. Meeting Adjournment (J. Rios)**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:12 P.M was made by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). This motion was seconded by [Mr. Ben Gomez](#). Upon unanimous vote, the motion was carried.

Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

	
<b>Jose L. Morales, President</b>	<b>Claudia Lopez, Secretary/Treasurer</b>