



APPROVED Meeting Minutes of a Special Called Meeting of the San Benito Economic Development Corporation will be held by In Person, Videoconference or Telephone Call, on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 5:30 PM.

Board Meeting Presided by Mr. Jose L., President

Board Members Present

Mr. Jose L. Morales, President
Mr. Alex Salinas, Vice President
Mrs. Claudia Lopez, Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Joshua Gonzalez, Board Member,
Mr. Paul Resendez, Board Member
Mr. Sam Boswell Jr., Board Member
Mr. Thomas Garza, Board Member
Ricardo Guerra, Mayor/ Ex-Official Board Member

Board Member Absent

EDC Staff Present

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

Others Present

Mrs. Stephanie Sarrionandia, City of San Benito Finance Director
Ms. Ruth McGinnis, Interim City Manager
Mr. Mark Sossi, SBEDC Attorney
Mr. Tom Goodman, Commissioner
Mrs. Deborah Morales, Commissioner
Mr. Ramiro Gonzalez, VARCO Representative
Mr. Jaime Aladin, VARCO Representative

1. Determination of a quorum (Jose L. Morales)

Mr. Jose L. Morales made welcoming remarks and determined quorum.

2. Call to Order (Jose L. Morales)

Mr. Jose L. Morales called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

3. Public Comments (Jose L. Morales)

No Public Comments.

4. Discussion on Resaca Village (J.L. Morales)

Mr. Jose L. Morales stated that before going into item 4 for anyone related or has any interest in the financiers of Varco to recuse themselves. He then asked Mr. Sam Boswell Jr. if his partner Eliff if he is the owner of the bank. Mr. Boswell responded yes. He then asked Mr. Sam Boswell Jr to recuse himself from this item. Mr. Boswell responded saying yes. Mr. Thomas Garza then stated that he is a shareholder

of Texas Regional Bank and as well mentioned he has no relations to Varco. Mr. Jose L. Morales stated that Texas Regional Bank is financing them and mentioned that Mr. Garza's father is the director of TRB. He then asked Mr. Thomas Garza to recuse himself from this item. Mr. Thomas Garza asked Mr. Mark Sossi for legal opinion. Mr. Mark Sossi then stated that if you an indirect or direct interest in a business transaction that would impact your interest, royalties, and decision then you should recuse yourself from the item. Mr. Jose L. Morales then asked Mr. Mark Sossi to look up chapter 573. Mr. Thomas Garza then stated that he has no interest in Varco. Mr. Mark Sossi then stated that the chapter only applies when you have direct interest. Mr. Boswell then stated he felt as he is in the same situation, having a partner who is a director at the bank, but still has no financial interest in Varco.

Mr. Ramiro Aleman then presented the item introducing Varco Representatives Mr. Ramiro Gonzalez & Mr. Jaime Aladin. Mr. Ramiro Gonzalez wanted to give an update on the development and the progress so far. Mr. Alex Salinas Asked who answers the phone for any development calls. Mr. Ramiro Gonzalez then stated Mr. Jaime Aladin is the person who takes care of those calls.

NO- ACTION

5. Executive Session

- A) Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (2) to receive legal opinion from attorney protected by the Attorney Client communication privilege and pursuant to 551.071(1) regarding possible contemplated litigation related to Resaca Village project.

Board entered executive session at - 5:58 PM

Board Reconvened into Public Session at 7:18 PM

A motion to move item 8 above 6 was made by Mr. Thomas Garza. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Claudia Lopez. Upon a unanimous vote the motion carried.

8. Action, if any, to be taken on items discussed in executive session. (J.L. Morales)

A motion to proceed as discussed in executive session was made by Mr. Joshua Gonzales. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alex Salinas. Upon a unanimous vote the motion carried.

6. San Benito Economic Development Corporation Budget Workshop 1 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Mrs. Stephanie Sarrionandia presented this item. She explained the budget and the reason some numbers are higher than the previous year and its due to hiring a new staff member.

Mr. Jose L Morales asked Mayor Ricardo Guerra to include a SBEDC Staff member(s) in the City of San Benito Events Board for oversight of funds allocated to support the Parks & Rec Department - events/park initiatives, including Hog Waddle, Resaca Fest, South Texas Music Festival and Christmas Decor.

NO ACTION

7. Discussion and Possible Action on authorizing Board President and Executive Director to engage High schools for logo design (J.L. Morales)

Mr. Jose L Morales stated he spoke with SBCISD board member and education institutions within San Benito with potential interest in participating in a logo design competition.

NO ACTION


8. Determination of Date and Time for the next San Benito EDC Board Meeting (J.L. Morales)

It was determined the next San Benito EDC Board of Directors Meeting would be held on Thursday, August 22, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

9. Meeting Adjournment (J.L. Morales)

A motion to adjourn was made by [Mr. Claudia Lopez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Paul Resendez](#). Upon a unanimous vote the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Approved this 27nd day of September 2023.

	
Alex Salinas, President	Sam Boswell Jr., Secretary/Treasurer