



Wednesday, September 30, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Duration of Meeting: 1 Hour & 46 Minutes

MINUTES of a Regular Meeting of the **San Benito Economic Development Corporation** Board of Directors held on **Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at 701 N. Bowie St., San Benito, Cameron County, Texas 78586.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Julian Rios, President
Rene Garcia, Vice-President
Encarnación López, Board Member
Mario Silva, Board Member
Mayor Benjamín Gómez, Ex-Officio Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary Bolado, Board Member
Jeremy Maya, Secretary/Treasurer

EDC STAFF:

Rebeca, Castillo, San Benito EDC Executive Director
Victoria Padron, San Benito EDC Economic Development Specialist
Kat Guerra, San Benito EDC Intern

Others Present:

Tony Torres, San Benito EDC Attorney
Manuel De La Rosa, City Manager
Fred Bell, Assistant City Manager
Sandra Tumberlinson,
Arnold Cantu, Remotely

MEETING – 5:30 P.M.

1. Determination of a quorum

[Mr. Julian Rios](#) made welcoming remarks. A quorum was determined to be present.

2. Call to Order;

[Mr. Julian Rios](#) called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Flag Pledge

Pledge of Allegiance & Texas Flag Pled was led by [Ms. Kat Guerra](#), San Benito EDC Intern.

4. Invocation

Invocation was done by [Mrs. Rebeca Castillo](#).

5. Public Comments

No Public Comments.

A motion to deviate from the agenda to address item 7 prior to addressing item 6 was made. [Mr. Rene Garcia](#) motioned it first and it was seconded by [Mr. Mario Silva](#). The motion unanimously passed.

7. Consideration & Possible Action on the Community Partnership Grant Application requesting C\$9,113.75 by the Friends of the San Benito Cultural Heritage Museum for the Oral Booth related activities & a historical marker;

[Ms. Sandra Tumberlinson](#), representative from the San Benito Cultural Heritage Museum made a presentation on the request of the Friends of the San Benito Cultural Heritage Museum for the Oral Booth related activities & a historical marker.

A motion to approve the Community Partnership Grant Application requesting \$9,113.75 by the Friends of the San Benito Cultural Heritage Museum for the Oral Booth related activities & a historical marker was made by [Mr. Mario Silva](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to return to item number 6 was made by [Mr. Rene Garcia](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution by the Board of Directors of the San Benito Economic Development Corporation Approving a financing/use agreement relating to the expenditures of sales tax revenues for various projects; and authorizing other matters in connection therewith;

[Mrs. Rebeca Castillo](#) presented the item to the EDC Board of Directors. She explained the request by the City of San Benito to assist with bonds for water related infrastructure improvements and that there was \$137,000 that were recently freed up when the San Benito Police Department bonds related payments had been paid off earlier this fiscal year (2019-2020). She added that this amount was mentioned and a placeholder for consideration of this request was factored during the FY 2020-2021 Annual Budget proposal, which was recently approved.

[Mrs. Rebeca Castillo](#) introduced [Mr. De La Rosa](#), City Manager of San Benito and that he was available to answer any questions that they had. [Mr. De La Rosa](#) provide the EDC Board with a listing of the proposed lift stations that the funds will be used. The listing also included equipment and other departments items that were being included as part of the bonds issuance, but not part of the EDC's commitment.

[Mr. De La Rosa](#) stated that the resolution is drafted so that if pricing comes shorter or longer, the City will have room for negotiating the final terms of the agreement on October 20, 2020.

[Mr. Rios](#) asked for the resolution and agreement to reflect that the EDC's commitment will be for "not to exceed \$137,000" and that if the bonds were to be refinanced that it will not be extended past the original terms of the project of 25 years. With 2045 being the ending year of the project.

[Mr. Antonio Torres](#), EDC Attorney stated that this project is a lawful expenditure of a type B.

A motion to approve the resolution approving a financing/use agreement relating to the expenditures of sales tax revenues for various projects; and authorizing other matters in connection therewith was made by [Mr. Rene Garcia](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Mario Silva](#). The motion carried unanimously.

8. Consent Agenda Items:

Item A: August 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The meeting August 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes were presented by [Mrs. Rebeca Castillo](#).

A motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented was made by [Mr. Mario Silva](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Rene Garcia](#). The motion carried unanimously.

9. Presentation and Acknowledgement of the San Benito EDC Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2020

[Mrs. Rebeca Castillo](#) presented the San Benito EDC Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2020.

A motion to approve the report as presented was made by [Mr. Rene Garcia](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The motion carried unanimously.

10. Presentation and Acknowledgment of the USDA Revolving Loan Program report ending August 31, 2020

[Mrs. Rebeca Castillo](#) presented the USDA Revolving Loan Program report for the period ending August 31, 2020.

A motion to approve the report as presented was made by [Mr. Rene Garcia](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Mario Silva](#). The motion carried unanimously.

11. Presentation and Acknowledgment of the Account Payable Reports for the period ending August 31, 2020

[Mrs. Victoria Padron](#) presented the Accounts Payable reports for the period ending August 31, 2020.

A motion to approve the report as presented was made by [Mr. Encarnacion Lopez](#). The motion was seconded by [Mr. Mario Silva](#). The motion carried unanimously.

12. Consideration and Possible Action on the Façade Grant application for Communities in Schools

[Mrs. Victoria Padron](#) presented the Façade Grant application for Communities in Schools.

After discussion, the Board of Directors decided that the application for Communities in Schools is ineligible because it is a non-profit organization. The board suggested to revise the Small Business Investment Program Guidelines in the near future.

No Action Taken.

13. Consideration and Possible Action on the COVID-19 Emergency Rent Subsidy Program Applications:

- a) Arkham Comics
- b) Gulf Second Hand Store

c) Cantu's Fresh Seafood

Mrs. Rebeca Castillo presented the COVID-19 Emergency Rent Subsidy Program Applications.

A motion to approve the COVID-19 Emergency Rent Subsidy Program Applications was made by Mr. Mario Silva. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rene Garcia. The motion carried unanimously.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

EDC Board of Directors Convened into Executive Session at 6:56 PM

EDC Board of Directors Re-Convened into Open Session at 7:10 PM

- A. Under Texas Governors Code, Section 551.071: Consultation with Attorney regarding X-Treme Jump
- B. Under Texas Governors Code, Section 551.071: Consultation with attorney regarding USDA Loan for Griselda Ornelas

15. Action, if any to be taken on items discussed in Executive Session

A motion to Authorize the EDC Attorney in coordination with Administration to take action as discussed in executive session. The motion was first motioned by Mr. Mario Silva. The motion was seconded by Mr. Encarnacion Lopez. The motion carried unanimously.

16. Determination of Date and Time for the next San Benito EDC Board of Directors Meeting;

Next meeting date will be October 28, 2020.

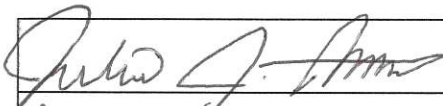
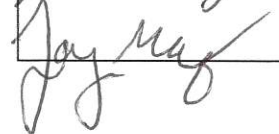
17. Board Comments:

Mr. Rebeca Castillo mentioned that the EDC will have a virtual open house event on October 14. More information will be shared soon.

18. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:19 PM. A motion was made by Mr. Rene Garcia. The motion was seconded by Mr. Encarnacion Lopez. Motion unanimously passed.

Approved by the San Benito Economic Development Corporation on this 28th day of October 2020.

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