

# CAMERON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2023

Board Members Attending: Maurice Goza, James Camp, Connie Anderle, Carl Bradley, Nilesh Bhakta, Mike Zajicek, and Mayor Bill Harris. Note that Mayor Harris arrived after board members approved the minutes. Others attending: Ricky Tow, City Manager and Ginger Watkins.

1. Call to order.

President James Camp called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

2. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

3. Discuss and possibly take action on the meeting minutes from July 13, 2023.

Connie Anderle moved to approve the minutes as presented. Nilesh Bhakta seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 - 0.

4. Discuss and possibly take action on EDA Grant 08-01-05488.

Ginger Watkins gave a brief update on the progress of the Adams Avenue safety improvements.

Drainage work is underway. The superintendent said that they are holding off closing the road until they absolutely must. It will be another week or so before the contractor closes the road. No action required.

5. Discuss and possibly take action on sponsorship for the Teacher Welcome Breakfast.

Board members discussed a sponsorship for the Cameron ISD Teach Welcome Breakfast hosted by the Cameron Chamber of Commerce. Board members were supportive but questioned whether people were aware of the economic development organization. If an insert is in the welcome materials that included an overview of economic development, then this would be acceptable. Funding could come from the business retention fund. Mike Zajicek moved to approve a \$250 sponsorship if we can include an overview of economic development in the welcome materials. Maurice Goza seconded the motion. The motion carried 7 - 0.

6. Discuss and possibly take action on the FY 2023-2024 Economic Development Plan.

Board members reviewed the project plan that includes the two additions requested in the previous meeting one in addition to the Broadband under long-term plans and one addition in FY 2023 – 2024 under Downtown Redevelopment. Board members also reviewed Project funding included in the plan. Maurice Goza moved to approve the project plan as presented. Mayor Bill Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7 - 0.

7. Discuss and possibly take action on the FY 2023-2024 Economic Development Budget.

Board members reviewed the draft budget. Several changes were requested. The requested changes will be made to the budget and provided for board members to review prior to the next board meeting scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>. No action taken.

8. Consider and take action on a Resolution taking affirmative official action regarding the issuance of bonds for the AIS inc. Project through a conduit issuer of the city.

Board members reviewed the resolution. President James Camp called for any questions. There were no questions. Mayor Bill Harris moved to approve the resolution as presented. Nilesh Bhakta seconded the motion. The motion carried 7 - 0.

9. Convene into executive session.

President James Camp convened the board into executive session at 4:16pm pursuant to Chapter 551.087 to discuss economic development negotiations regarding Project 2023-05-26 Brian; Project 2022-09-15 Kyle; Project 2023-06-21 Jason; and Project 2023-05-30 Jennifer; Pursuant to Chapter 551.072 to discuss real property negotiations; and pursuant to Chapter 551.074 regarding economic development director personnel matters.

10. Reconvene into public session.

President James Camp reconvened the board into public session at 4:26pm.

a. Consider and take action on economic development negotiations.

- i. Project 2023-05-26 Brian
- ii. Project 2022-09-15 Kyle
- iii. Project 2023-06-21 Jason
- iv. Project 2023-05-30 Jennifer

No action taken.

b. Consider and take action on real property negotiations.

No action taken.

11. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:27pm