



MINUTES

The Board of Directors of TexAmericas Center met to conduct business at the Nash, Texas City Hall – White Training Facility, 119 Elm Street, Nash, TX 75569 on October 25, 2016.

1. The Directors and public began to assemble at 11:30 a.m. while lunch was served. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Boyd Sartin, Vice-Chairman of the Board, who certified that the meeting was properly posted, being held in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and that a quorum was present.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and Reflection were led by Scott Norton.

3. **Directors in Attendance were:**

Boyd Sartin	Gabe Tarr	Don Morriss	Ben King
Justin Powell	Fred Norton	Cody Lorange	Marc Reiter
Steve Mayo	Vickie Higgins		

Directors Absent were:

Denis Washington	Melford Pierce	Ron Collins	Jim Roberts
Mike Brock			

Staff and Others in attendance were:

Scott Norton	Marla Byrd	Eric Voyles	Mickey Carroll
Ashley Byrd	Wes Jordan Jordan Law Firm	Judge James Carlow Bowie County Judge	David Williams MTG Engineers
Liz Fazio Hale Riverbend Water Res. Dist.	Jim Green Riverbend Water Res. Dist.	Greg Bischof Texarkana Gazette	Colleen Nelson McCarthy Blansett Group
Susan Blansett McCarthy Blansett Group			

4. Boyd Sartin called for public comments. Members of the public may speak on any topic. Comments are limited to 5 minutes per speaker. None noted.
5. Boyd Sartin called for reports from the standing Committees of TexAmericas Center. No Committees had met since the last board meeting.
6. A motion was made by Don Morriss and seconded by Justin Powell to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Those items were:
 - a. Approved Minutes of Board Meeting from September 27, 2016
 - b. Approved Check Book Register and Deposit Summary from September 20, 2016 – October 18, 2016.

7. Board members, staff and others heard a presentation and were able to participate in a question and answer session from Colleen Nelson and Susan Blansett with the McCarthy Blansett Group.
8. Steve Mayo gave an update regarding regional water.
9. Liz Fazio Hale, Executive Director/CEO – Riverbend Water Resources District and Jim Green, Vice-President of the Board of Directors, Riverbend Water Resources District, gave a brief update regarding a current overview of Riverbend Water Resources District and offered to answer questions from the Board and staff.
10. Scott Norton presented an update on the I-30 Corridor Working Group.
11. Scott Norton presented his Executive Director/CEO Report.
12. A motion was made by Steve Mayo and seconded by Don Morriss to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to the following Sections at 1:11 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
 - a. Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; Consultation with attorney regarding legal issues relating to pending or contemplated litigation.
 - b. Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; Deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
 - c. Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; Personnel Matters.
 - d. Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code; Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations.
13. A motion was made by Gabe Tarr and seconded by Marc Reiter to reconvene in Open Session at 1:37 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
14. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20161025-01** authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to enter into a written contract to retain the services of **Atchley, Russell, Waldrop & Hlavinka to defend pending litigation**. A motion was made by Don Morriss and seconded by Gabe Tarr. Vickie Higgins abstained from the vote; otherwise, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
15. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20161025-02** authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute a lease modification with **Expal USA, Inc. for expanded warehouse space at 557 Elm Street, Hooks, TX, upon the TAC-Eastern campus**. A motion was made by Gabe Tarr and seconded by Don Morriss. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Marc Reiter and seconded by Don Morriss to adjourn the meeting at 1:39 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The above and foregoing minutes of TexAmericas Center Board of Directors meeting, October 25, 2016 were read approved on November 22, 2016.



Melford Pierce, Secretary