



MINUTES

The Board of Directors of TexAmericas Center met to conduct business at the Nash, Texas City Hall – Training Facility, 119 Elm Street, Nash, Texas 75569 on October 24, 2017.

1. The Directors and public began to assemble at 11:30 a.m. while lunch was served. The Pledge of Allegiance and Reflection were led by Scott Norton.
2. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Boyd Sartin, 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.
3. Boyd Sartin, Chairman of the Board, swore in the following Director:
Joe Dike

4. **Directors in Attendance were:**

Boyd Sartin	Melford Pierce	Ben King	Gabe Tarr
Vickie Higgins	Fred Norton	Marc Reiter	Steve Mayo
Joe Dike			

Directors Absent were:

Ron Collins	Don Morriss	Denis Washington	Justin Powell
Jim Roberts	Cody Lorange		

Staff and Others in Attendance were:

Scott Norton	Marla Byrd	Eric Voyles	Ashley Byrd
Wes Jordan Jordan Law Firm	Judge James Carlow Bowie County Judge	David Williams MTG Engineers	Liz Fazio Hale Riverbend Water Resources
Herman Settemeyer Riverbend Consultant	Greg Bishchof Texarkana Gazette		

5. Boyd Sartin called for public comments. Members of the public may speak on any topic and comments are limited to 5 minutes per speaker. None noted.
6. A motion was made by Gabe Tarr and seconded by Steve Mayo to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The items were:
 - a. Approved Minutes of Board Meeting from September 26, 2017.
 - b. Approved Check Book Register and Deposit Summary from September 21, 2017 – October 17, 2017.

7. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20171024-01** authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute a **Professional Services Agreement with Braun Intertec for Geotechnical Services for FY18**. A motion was made by Melford Pierce and seconded by Ben King. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
8. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20171024-02 approving and adopting the Restated Regulations (commonly referred to as By Laws) for the Operation of TexAmericas Center**. A motion was made by Gabe Tarr and seconded by Steve Mayo. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
9. Liz Fazio Hale, Executive Director of Riverbend Water Resources District, presented the regional water report.
10. Staff Reports:
 - a. Scott Norton presented the Executive Director/CEO Report.
 - b. Eric Voyles presented the Executive Vice President/CEDO Report and the presentations as follows:
 - i. Staff Presentation on the Workforce Need & Alignment Study and the Targeted Industry Analysis, which was part of the contractual agreement with Workforce Solutions Northeast Texas, funded through the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) grant.
 - ii. Staff Presentation on EDA Grant for Master Planning.
11. A motion was made by Gabe Tarr and seconded by Ben King to adjourn to Executive Session at 1:19 p.m. pursuant to the following Sections. 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.
12. A motion was made by Gabe Tarr and seconded by Ben King at 1:30 p.m. to reconvene in Open Session. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Ben King and seconded by Gabe Tarr to adjourn the meeting at 1:31 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The above and foregoing minutes of TexAmericas Center Board of Directors meeting, October 24, 2017 were read and approved on November 21, 2017.


Ben King, Secretary