

APRIL 8, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
HEARNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
306 W Third Street, Hearne, Texas 77859  
HEARNE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**Action/Discussion:** Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Emmett Aguirre, Type A President. All members in attendance are listed as follows: Emmett Aguirre, Sharon Cortemelia, Ronda Jackson, LaToya Wafford and Rick Shear. Also in attendance were Board Attorney Floyd Akers, Executive Secretary Rebecca Gordon and Type B President, Virgil Blankenship.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

**Action/Discussion:** Determination of a quorum was met with members listed above being present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Action/Discussion:** No Public Comments.

***No action required.***

**Item 1:** APPROVE MINUTES FROM TYPE A BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2025.

**Action/Discussion:** LaToya Wafford made a motion to approve minutes as presented from the Type A Board meeting of March 11, 2025. Ronda Jackson seconded the motion. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 2:** DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS, SHARON CORTEMELIA.

**Action/Discussion:** Sharon Cortemelia reviewed the monthly financials and stated the Type A Board is doing financially well at this time. ***No action required.***

**Item 3:** PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON LISA BAKER PROJECT

**Action/Discussion:** Lisa Baker brought a wide range of custom items along with a detailed project plan and application for the board members. Mrs. Baker stated that she will be purchasing the old Wilson Drug building set to close in June and will be offering arts and crafts classes for the Hearne Community. These classes would be taught by her and range from sewing, painting and card making. The board was very impressed with her presentation and will further discuss her application in the next board meeting. ***No action required.***

**Item 4:** PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BRAD ELY (EDWARD JONES) PROJECT

**Action/Discussion:** Mr. Brad Ely was not in attendance for his presentation however, Board President Aguirre advised Mr. Ely will be renovating and relocating his business Edward Jones to the old Palms, Russ & McCullough building and will be presenting the information in a future board meeting.

**Item 5:** DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON BOB FARLEY'S CONTRACT

**Action/Discussion:** ***Discussed in the Executive Session.***

**Item 6:** DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON CITY PROJECTS.

**Action/Discussion:** Mayor Gomez is requesting a new street sweeper to be purchased and its cost will increase the Type A City Project's budget line item. The current sweeper runs about one hour before stopping. Sharon Cortemelia made a motion to amend the Type A City Project's Budget line item to accommodate the additional cost of the sweeper in place of the original request of the cost of mower approved in the current budget for City Projects. LaToya Wafford seconded the motion. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 7:** DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO REVIEW REPORT ON PROJECT GUIDELINES, SHARON CORTEMELIA

**Action/Discussion:** Tabled to allow a joint workshop for both boards to finalize. ***No action taken.***

**Item 8:** DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON ECONOMIC WEBSITE, SHARON CORTEMELIA.

**Action/Discussion:** Sharon Cortemelia, Type A board member, presented the final viewing of her version of the EDC website to the board and encouraged the board to give suggestions of items that needed to be added. She has paid out of pocket for all upfront costs including domain name and the annual subscriptions totaling \$461.25 for each board and will be submitting an invoice for reimbursement. Sharon walked the board over the newly secured EDC website and highlighted the project before and after pictures and the application process that will be available to the prospective project client. ***No action taken.***

Regular meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.

The Executive Session was called to order at 4:21 pm.

**Item 9:** EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

- i) DISCUSSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC PROJECTS IN PROCESS PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.087

The Executive Session adjourned at 5:25 pm.

The Regular meeting was called to order at 5:27 pm.

**Item 10:** OPEN SESSION ITEMS:

- i) DISCUSSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC PROJECTS IN PROCESS PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.087

**Action/Discussion:** LaToya Wafford made a motion to reconsider Bob Farley's contract after further review and clarification by Board Attorney Floyd Akers. Ronda Jackson seconded the motion. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 11:** PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

**Action/Discussion:** ***No update.***

**Item 12:** PUBLIC COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS

**Action/Discussion:** No Public Comments

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.