

August 28, 2023

ROCKDALE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Present:

MDD Board Members:

Nathan Bland
John King
Joyce Dalley
Denise Wallace

MDD Staff:

Jim Gibson, Director
Michelle Toungate, Exec. Assistant

Call to Order and announce a Quorum is Present

The Rockdale Municipal Development District (MDD) conducted an in-person conference on Monday, August 28, 2023, with a quorum of the MDD Board members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockdale Municipal Development District was called to order by the Board President Nathan Bland at 5:30p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen Communications

None

5. Consent Agenda

A. Approvals

- 1. Minutes of MDD Regular Meeting July 24, 2023**
- 2. Financials**
- 3. ED Project Balance Sheet**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Vice President John King and a second by Board Member Joyce Dalley, the MDD Board voted seven (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

6. MDD Staff Report

Director Gibson announced that the CDBG Grant for downtown sidewalks has been awarded to Rockdale in the amount of \$500,000 in which RMDD will match up to \$75,000 as agreed.

Director Gibson meets with the CEO of Project Lightsaber after learning that the initial contact person had changed.

On September 5th the Rockdale City Council and RMDD Board will meet to discuss the plans for Rockdale after the announcement of SLR and the development coming to that area.

The Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee will be holding an open house for the public at the Patterson Center. The RMDD Board has been invited to attend the CPAC event.

The Austin and San Antonio Growth Summit will be held on September 27th. Director Gibson will purchase tickets for the RMDD Board Members, in addition to the Rockdale City Council Members that would like to attend.

Dave Melton, with Earthday, made a request to the RMDD Board to place a Peace Post on the landscaped area of the RMDD property. The RMDD Board members discussed and agreed to allow the placing of a Peace Post on the property.

Director Gibson mentioned that the Sales Tax is up by 1.9% and included that it is up by 19% over last year.

The Governor's office is continuing to send leads.

Director Gibson mentioned helping the ISD with writing a Grant request to the US EDA.

Director Gibson had a meeting with the interim President of Opportunity Austin to discuss how Rockdale can participate. Director Gibson is hopeful for a possible network prospect pipeline opportunity.

7. Workshop

Director Gibson addressed the September 2023 expiring terms of RMDD Board Members, Board President Nathan Bland, Vice President John King, and Board Member Joyce Dalley. Board member appointments are decided on by Rockdale City council.

Director Gibson did a calculated search and applied a conservative input of data to conclude a possible population growth of 30,000 for Rockdale by the year 2041. This would necessarily accelerate development for Rockdale to move forward with the Industrial Park, Downtown Tourism, TIRZ, Residential Home Builders, Commercial growth, and utility expansion.

8. Action Items

A. Consider and approve Resolution 2023-07 creating the Downtown/Tourism Sub-Committee

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Vice President John King and seconded by Board Member Joyce Dalley, the MDD Board voted (4) for and none (0) opposed to postpone action item A to consider and approve Resolution 2023-07 creating the Downtown/Tourism Sub-Committee until after the Joint Meeting with the Rockdale City Council. Motion Carried.

B. Make appointment to the Downtown/Tourism Advisory Sub-Committee

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Vice President John King and seconded by Board Member Joyce Dalley the MDD Board voted (4) for and none (0) opposed to postpone action item B to make appointments to the Downtown/Tourism Sub-Committee until after the Joint Meeting with the Rockdale City Council. Motion Carried.

9. Executive Session:

A. Discussion pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 Economic Development Negotiations.

- 1. Project Pecan

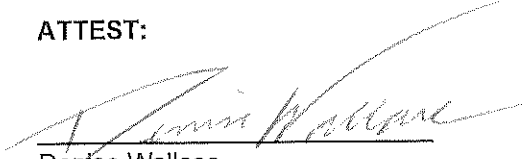
B. Reconvene in open session: Consider and take any necessary action related to items discussed in executive session.

The Board convened in executive session at 6:18 PM
The Board reconvened into open session at 6:38 PM

10. Adjourned at 6:38 PM

These minutes approved on the 25th day of September 2023

ATTEST:


Denise Wallace
MDD Board Secretary

APPROVED:


Nathan Bland
MDD Board President