

March 8, 2021

**ROCKDALE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING**

Present:

MDD Board Members:

John King
Belinda Hillhouse
Denise Wallace
Michelle Larkin
Richard Coppedge

MDD Staff:

Terry Blanchard, Interim Asst. Secretary
Roxanne Proudley, Interim Asst. Treasurer
Uryan Nelson, Interim Director

Absent:

Jason Barcak
Doug Calame

Call to Order and announce a Quorum is Present

The Rockdale Municipal Development District conducted a hybrid meeting by in-person and telephone conference on Monday, March 8, 2021. With a quorum of the MDD Board members present, the Special Meeting of the Rockdale Municipal Development District was called to order by Board President Michelle Larkin at 8:38 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen Communications

Board Member Hillhouse stated that the MDD needs to establish standards for procedures and rules. She would like to receive weekly reports from the manager and have the financials emailed for review prior to the meeting packets.

5A. Consent Agenda – Approvals

1. Minutes of MDD Special Meeting on February 8, 2021
2. Financials
3. Revenue report
4. ED Project Balance Sheet

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Member Coppedge and a second by Board Member Larkin, the MDD Board voted four (4) for and one (1) opposed to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voting against the motion was Hillhouse. Motion carried.

6. MDD Staff Report

Uryan Nelson gave a presentation to the Board regarding development activities, grant activities, and general updates.

7A. Consider and take any necessary action regarding the Rockdale MDD Industrial Park/EDA Grant application

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Member Coppedge and a second by Board Member Larkin, the MDD Board voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to authorize the Board President to explore and put forward application for grant. Motion carried.

7B. Consider and take any necessary action on a resolution of Support and Commitment to Cost Share for Application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs for improvements to the RMDD Industrial Park

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Member Coppedge and a second by Board Member Larkin, the MDD Board voted four (4) for and one (1) opposed to support the resolution as presented. Voting against the motion was Hillhouse. Motion carried.

7C. Receive an update from the MRB Group on EDA Grant Contractual Services Agreement

Allison with MRB gave a brief report to the Board.

- 7D. Consider and take any necessary action regarding EDA contractual services by authorizing the Board President to either continue receiving current services or to solicit Request for Proposals (RFP) from alternate individuals/companies**

No motions were made.

- 7E. Consider and take any necessary action on the 2021 Projects list**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Member Coppedge and a second by Board Member Larkin, the MDD Board voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to give Uryan Nelson approval to seek bids for wall at Sumuel Park (for mural placement). Motion carried.

- 7F. Consider and take any necessary action regarding locations for murals funded through an MDD donation**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Member Coppedge and a second by Board Member Larkin, the MDD Board voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to place a mural at Sumuel Park (wall/fence). Motion carried.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Member Coppedge and a second by Board Member Larkin, the MDD Board voted three (3) for and two (2) opposed to place a mural on the MDD building. Voting for the motion were Larkin, Coppedge, and Wallace. Voting against were Hillhouse and King. Motion carried.

- 7G. Convene into executive session for:**

- 1. Discussion pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 and Section 551.087: Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for the purpose of commercial development inside the District boundaries, and to discuss economic development negotiations related to the same commercial development**
- 2. Discussion pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Section 1.05: Consult with legal counsel regarding pending litigation, specifically Cause No. CV40539, *Kara Z. Clore v. Rockdale Municipal District, et al.*, pending in the 20th Judicial District of Milam County, Texas**
- 3. Discussion pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Texas Government Code Section 571.071 and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Section 1.05: Consult with legal counsel regarding the upcoming due process hearing for Kara Clore scheduled for March 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. regarding her termination**
- 4. Discussion pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074: Deliberation of personnel matters**

The Board convened into Executive Session at 9:38 p.m.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:53 p.m.

- 7H. Reconvene into open session to:**

- 1. Consider and take any necessary action related to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for the purpose of commercial development inside the District boundaries, and to discuss economic development negotiations related to the same commercial development**
- 2. Consider and take any necessary action regarding pending litigation, specifically Cause No. CV40539, *Kara Z. Clore v. Rockdale Municipal District, et al.*, pending in the 20th Judicial District of Milam County, Texas**
- 3. Consider and take any necessary action regarding the upcoming due process hearing for Kara Clore scheduled for March 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. regarding her termination**
- 4. Consider and take any necessary action regarding deliberation of personnel matters**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Member Coppedge and a second by Board Member Larkin, the MDD Board voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to change the Executive Assistant title to Administrative Assistant and authorize the board president to post the job. Motion carried.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Member Coppedge and a second by Board Member King, the MDD Board voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to request voluntary annexation of the Industrial Park. Motion carried.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Member Coppedge and a second by Board Member Larkin, the MDD Board voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to delay the due process hearing with Kara Clore to future date to be agreed upon. Motion carried.

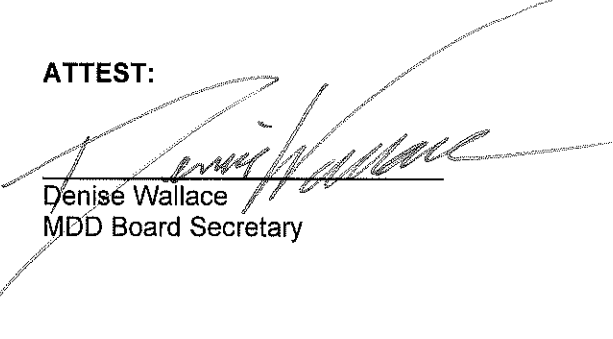
MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Member Coppedge and a second by Board Member Larkin, the MDD Board voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to extend (management services) contract with CTCOG through June 15, 2021. Motion carried.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board Member Coppedge and a second by Board Member Hillhouse, the MDD Board voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to set interviews for MDD Director for March 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. and give the Board President authority to change the date and time if necessary. Motion carried.

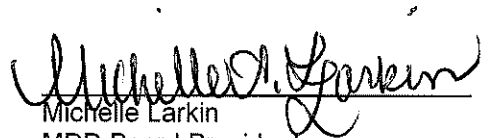
Adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 26th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:


Denise Wallace
MDD Board Secretary

APPROVED:


Michelle Larkin
MDD Board President