

MINUTES
MERIDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MEETING

Monday, April 20, 2009
6:00 p.m.

President Mike Vanecek called the meeting to order and Marie Garland read the proof of posting notice. Members present were Mike Vanecek, Don McMahon, Claiborne Phillips, and Marie Garland. Also present was David Duke.

Public Forum – No one was present for public forum.

Minutes – A motion was made by McMahon, seconded by Phillips and carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Financial Statement and Payment of Expenses – Beginning balance was \$109,712.59 with \$8601.76 income and \$4221.44 expenses leaving a balance of \$114,092.91. Total expenses to be paid included \$15.00 to David Duke for domain registration, \$72.16 for travel to Austin Texas Department of Agriculture and \$444.00 in wages and \$33.97 in payroll taxes to the city. A motion was made by Garland, seconded by McMahon and carried to approve the financial statement and payment of the proposed expenses.

Old Business

1. Discussion concerning the review of Double B Foods building purchase request. David Duke reported that the Council discussed the request and the Council stated that given the present information, the vote would be no. Mike Vanecek and David Duke would be meeting with Keith from Double B Foods on Tuesday to receive further information.
2. David Duke, EDC Coordinator, reviewed several activities that he was planning to complete with approval from the members. They included working with the Meridian Chamber of Commerce with their Meridian Improvement Committee and the Tourism Committee.

He also wanted to complete a community profile that would be used on the websites and for a possible application for Meridian to become a Certified Retirement Community. The City would have to drive this activity and develop a committee of five people. Housing would be an

issue and the development of the community profile so that we could be scored. There is also a \$5,000 application fee.

David Duke also made a list of the businesses in Meridian and he asked for permission from the members to go to each business and inquire about their needs and wants for their business and our community.

David also spoke about the proposed Bosque College that would offer four basic courses at the old elementary building in the fall. He also believed that it would involve Tarleton State University. More information would be received after he visited with Charlie Blue, Clifton.

David also reminded members about the quarterly meeting of the HOTCOG Economic Development committee which would be in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce. All members were invited and encouraged to attend. It would be held on the 3rd Thursday in May.

Adjourn – There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

President

Secretary



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