

## MINUTES

GROVES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

GROVES CITY HALL

OCTOBER 23, 2023

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Rob Vensel, Rhonda Dugas, Paul Oliver, Mark McAdams, Derick Theall  
Letha Knaus, Brandon Monk,

### ABSENT:

Sidney Badon

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

President Vensel welcomed guest and news media

### ITEM III:

Mr. Vensel asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the September 25, 2023

Groves Economic Development Corporation Meeting. A motion was made by Mark McAdams and a second was made by Letha Knaus. There were no questions, and a record vote was taken. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### ITEM IV:

Mr. Vensel called for Citizen Comments. There were no citizen comments.

### ITEM V:

There were no new business updates however, it was noted that there are Ongoing construction/remodeling on the Elizabeth Cravens strip mall.

ITEM VI:

Mr. Ozley informed the EDC of the reimbursements/expenditures noted on the budget report. Larry & Rita's, Icy Donuts, and Rhonda Dugas. The est. current fund balance reported was \$1,684,584 with an October increase of \$81,547

and that brings the est. current fund balance to be \$1,766,131.

ITEM VII:

Mr. Ozley reported on the sales tax as another record increase from last year.

We will end this budget year for the EDC with the estimated sales tax Mr. Ozley stated would be \$2.9 million. \$2,939,245.19 to be exact.

ITEM VIII:

This item is to recommend to City Council Mr. Lamar Ozley as Director of the

Groves Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Vensel asked for a motion and

a second. Mr. Vensel called for a discussion. Mr. Ozley is the Financial Director for

the City of Groves and has been

an important part of the EDC supplying us with all the financial reports we need.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark McAdams and a second by Mr. Paul Oliver.

The Board took a record vote and the motion passed. All in favor and none opposed.

ITEM IX:

Mr. Vensel will not be on the EDC in the future he wanted to nominate, discuss and

Consider a new President. Mr. Vensel nominated Rhonda Dugas for the position of

President of the GEDC.

Mr. Vensel asked for a motion and a second. Mr. Paul Oliver

made the motion and a second was made by Mr. Derick Theall. Mr. Vensel called for a

Discussion. The Board took a record vote and the motion passed. All in favor and none

Opposed.

ITEM X:

Mr. Vensel called to nominate, discuss, and consider a new Vice President.

Ms. Dugas

Has been the Vice President and that position would become vacant as she takes the

Position of President. Ms. Dugas nominated Mr. Derick Theall. Mr. Theall is a business

man in Groves and has been a recipient of EDC reimbursement. A motion was made by

Mr. Paul Oliver and a second was made by Mr. Mark McAdams. The board took a record

vote and the motion passed. All in favor and none opposed.

ITEM XI:

Review and approve a grant application for United Board of Mission/Missions Attic

For \$2,500 for signage. Mr. Vensel called for a motion and a second. Mr. McAdams made

the motion and a second was made by Mrs. Knaus. Mr. Vensel called for a discussion.

The board took a record vote. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

ITEM XII:

Review and approve a grant application for Snoopers Paradise, Inc. for \$2,500 for

advertising. Mr. Vensel called for a motion and a second. Ms. Rhonda Dugas made the motion

And Mr. Paul Oliver seconded. Mr. Vensel called for a discussion. The board took a record

Vote. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

ITEM XIII:

Review and approve a grant application for Maria's Diner for \$2,500 for advertising. Mr. Vensel

Called for a motion and a second. Mr. McAdams made the motion and Mr. Derick Theall

Seconded. Mr. Vensel called for a discussion. The board took a record vote. All were in favor,  
None opposed. Motion carried.

ITEM XIV:  
GEDC Member Comments.

XV:  
Adjourn. 5:40 pm.

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### COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Ms. Dugas commented she had heard good things about the Pecan Festival and

how everybody enjoyed it. There were a lot of people there. Mrs. Knaus did very well

with entertainment Mrs. Knaus said thank you and that she had a good team and

board and they were supportive and City Council as well and it was appreciated. She

had good reports from the vendors and she talked to them every day and the last day

Mrs. Knaus asked the vendors if they wanted to come back the next year and all vendors

replied yes. Every vendor made money and every vendor had the best Thursday night

at the Pecan Festival. There were no other comments. Mr. Vensel adjourned the

meeting at 5:40 p.m.