

Development District of Central Texas

Board of Directors Meeting

Bell County Annex

550 East 2nd Avenue, Belton, TX

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

9:30 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Roberto Bailon – Bell County

Bobby Rountree – City of Goldthwaite

J. W. Perry – Bell County

Sam A. Listi – City of Belton

Dawn Orange – Salado Chamber of Commerce

Patsy E. Luna – City of Temple

Kathy Gilmore – Bell County

Barbara Simpson – Coryell County

Ernest Wilkerson – Killeen Chamber of Commerce

Otis Evans – Killeen, Texas

Denice Doss – Rockdale Chamber of Commerce

Carol Mills – Copperas Cove EDC

Others Present:

Councilmember Pat Christ – City of Harker Heights

Jim Herrington – EPA

Wes Rosentell – TAES – Temple

Mayor William Meacham – City of Cameron

Mayor Mike McGarry – City of Lometa

John Bennett – Development Corporation of Belton

Clay Coppedge – Temple Telegram

Jim Reed – CTCOG

Cynthia Hernandez – CTCOG

Shannon Mattingly, AICP – CTCOG

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Sam Listi.
2. There were no public comments.
3. Board members reviewed the minutes from the October 6, 2004 and December 2, 2004 Development District of Central Texas Board of Directors meetings. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Bobby Rountree. The second was made by J. W. Perry and passed unanimously by the Board of Directors.
4. Roberto Bailon introduced John Baker, Ph.D, Regional Manager for the Brazos River Authority. Dr. Baker gave a presentation to the Development District of Central Texas Board of Directors on the Future of Water in Texas. In his discussion, Dr. Baker addressed the future of the Brazos River Basin as well as current activities and policies. Following Dr. Baker's speech he answered several questions from the audience. No action was taken on this item.

5. Jim Reed discussed the state of the Central Texas Council of Governments
6. Jim Reed talked to the Development District of Central Texas Board of Directors about the state of the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG). Mr. Reed discussed services provided by the CTCOG divisions: Area Agency on Aging, Housing Division, Planning and Regional Services, Mr. Reed also addressed issues and challenges to come for Council of Governments, specifically CTCOG. No action was taken on this item.
7. Cynthia Hernandez reported that the Development District of Central Texas has not yet been designated by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) as an Economic Development District. However, correspondence with EDA staff has increased a great deal. The Austin Regional office is working to submit the District's CEDS to Washington. Though the District has not yet been designated, EDA has increased the amount of funding the DDCT will receive for the next grant cycle. No action was taken on this item.
8. Kathy Gilmore gave an update on the Fundraising Committee. Ms. Gilmore indicated that she would need volunteers to serve on the committee for a successful fundraiser and gave some suggestions on fundraising projects. Board members discussed the possibility of holding off on a fundraising project. Sam Listi made a motion to suspend the fundraising project. Kathy Gilmore made the second and the motion passed unanimously by the Board of Directors.
9. Bob Bailon thanked Dr. Baker for visiting with the Development District of Central Texas Board of Directors.
10. Jim Reed stated that the COG was looking at a possibility of acquiring a piece of real-estate. There is a possibility that the COG may come to the District in the future with a proposal to act on CTCOG's behalf to own the property. This may be an opportunity for a source of income. At this time there are not many details as it is currently still in the negotiation stage.
11. The next meeting for the DDCT will be on June 1, 2005.
12. The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

The above minutes for the March 2, 2005 Board of Directors meeting of the Development District of Central Texas, were approved and adopted by the Board on June 1, 2005.

Sam A. Listi, Chairman

Date

Attest:

Denice Doss, Secretary/Treasurer