

## **Development District of Central Texas**

Board of Directors Meeting

Central Texas Council of Governments

2180 North Main Street

Wednesday, August 23, 2007

9:30 a.m.

### **Board Members Present:**

J. W. Perry – Bell County

Denice Doss – Rockdale Chamber of Commerce

Councilmember Merle Stalcup – Village of Salado

Jane Crouch – Hamilton EDC

Commissioner Elizabeth Taylor – Coryell County

Judge John Firth – Coryell County

Roberto Bailon – Bell County

Ira Brand – Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Judith Hetherly – City of Lampasas

Dora Miller – San Saba County

### **Others Present:**

Jason McAlister – Blackland Research & Extension

Ginger Watkins – Cameron EDC

Beth Correa – CTCOG

Shannon Mattingly, AICP – CTCOG

Jim Reed, AICP - CTCOG

## **Minutes**

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1. The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Shannon Mattingly, CTCOG.
2. Shannon stated that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were not in attendance today, and therefore the first action item would be to nominate a Temporary Chairperson. A nomination was made by Merle Stalcup, Village of Salado to elect Denice Doss, San Saba County, as temporary Chairperson. Unanimously, the Board agreed and Shannon gave the chair to Denice Doss. Shannon asked the Chair for introductions of all members before further action, so that new members could be introduced.
3. There were no public comments.
4. A motion to approve the minutes for the June 13, 2007 meeting was made by Roberto Bailon, Bell County Representative, and seconded by Ira Brand, Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce Representative. The motion passed unanimously.
5. A report was given by Beth Correa, CTCOG, on the time she spent visiting two other Development Districts that were similar in size and composition to the DDCT. The two districts recommended by EDA to visit were West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District, located in Hot Springs, Arkansas and North Central New Mexico Economic Development District, located in Santa Fe, Arkansas. Beth reported on the similarities and differences in how their districts worked and noted that both of them were very successful and both of them charged fees for district membership and their staff assisted in writing grant applications and in

administration of those grants. Both districts also met the requirement for their grants using local cash from membership fees and grant admin fees. Recommendations were made to her by the director in Hot Springs that the staff should visit with each county government, bring in the local officials from those places, and hold a planning session to find out what the economic development needs are for those communities.

Jim Reed, CTCOG Executive Director, took the floor when it was time to go over the Board's vision and Goals and Performance measure. Jim began to describe the current changes in CDBG scoring and the meeting he was about to have with the CTCOG Executive Committee. He said that after hearing Beth's report, he was inspired to offer an idea to the DDCT Board. DDCT Board would serve as a grant consultant to communities in the CTCOG region, and CTCOG would continue to administer the Technical Assistant / RRC grant. After much discussion, the Board was in favor of looking into becoming involved in this way.

6. Shannon stated that the DDCT Board developed the CEDS 5 years ago. In the beginning, there was a separate CEDS Committee, but because not all positions are filled on the Board, we may not be successful with a separate committee and the Board may want to revise the CEDS rather than a committee. Discussion from Board members indicated a preference to hold a meeting as a Board to develop the CEDS. Shannon stated that filling the remaining seats on the Board would be a priority. Holding a "workshop" in the place of a meeting might be an opportunity to develop the CEDS. The Board decided that October 4, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. would be the best day and time for the CEDS Workshop.
7. Shannon reminded everyone to fill out the time logs. The time you spend goes towards our in-kind match for the EDA Grant.
8. The August NADO conference is next week and Beth made copies of the brochure for all to look at.
9. Staff Comments: Bobby Rountree resigned from the Board.
10. Board of Directors Comments: Roberto Bailon congratulated the Board on a very productive and exciting meeting. Merle Stalcup suggested that a "new member orientation" be held to get all new members on track. Shannon suggested that the orientation be held one hour before the workshop, at 9:00 a.m. on October 4, 2007. The Board agreed.
11. Denice Doss adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

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Denice Doss, Temporary Chairman

**Attest:**

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Beth Correa, DDCT Staff