

## **Development District of Central Texas**

Board of Directors Meeting  
Central Texas Council of Governments  
2180 North Main Street  
Wednesday, April 7, 2008  
10:00 a.m.

### **Board Members Present:**

Council Member Merle Stalcup – Village of Salado  
Ira Brand – Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce  
Mayor Pro-Tem Patsy E. Luna – City of Temple  
Denice Doss – Rockdale Chamber of Commerce  
Judge John Firth – Coryell County  
Jane Crouch – Hamilton County  
Judge Randy Mills – Hamilton County  
George Dentry – Salado Chamber of Commerce

### **Others Present:**

Frank Lynch – City of Troy  
Cynthia Hernandez - Development Corporation of Belton  
Stephanie O'Banion – Belton Chamber of Commerce  
Steve Carpenter – City of Harker Heights  
Dr. Jerry Bawcom – Belton Chamber of Commerce and UMHB  
Beth Correa – CTCOG  
Shannon Mattingly, AICP – CTCOG

## **Minutes**

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1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present by Chairperson, Denice Doss, Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, and asked for introduction of board members and guests.
2. Denice Doss stated that out of courtesy to the guest presenter, she would allow the Hill Country Transit District Representatives to make their presentation ahead of schedule and moved them up on the agenda.

Robert Ator, HCTD, talked about the HOP and how it has a role in economic development. His slide presentation stressed the main points of his presentation. He pointed out that "A city can do more business and create more jobs without widening its streets or condemning property to build more expensive expressways. Good transit means economic growth at bargain rates." He also stated, "Transit's weakest link in our urban areas is the lack of service to and in the city of Belton. No fixed routes serve Belton, or connect the Cities of Belton, Temple or the Killeen service area."

Board members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Ator for his presentation.

3. Public Comments: None
4. Denice Doss asked the Board to review the minutes from the January Board meeting. Jane Crouch, Hamilton County, made a motion to approve the minutes taken for January 7, 2008. Mayor Pro Tem Patsy Luna made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Denice Doss asked Shannon Mattingly to lead the discussion on our progress in meeting the goals and objectives as designated in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Shannon passed out the CEDS booklets that Beth Correa had put together. Shannon began by asking the board members to look at the evaluation section of the CEDS beginning on page 27. Updating the website has been a big project and there have been many updates made to it. Training opportunities have been added to the website and the newly completed CEDS will be sent to those on the committee as well as others. The completed CEDS will be sent out to other economic development organizations. We have provided more links on the website. Everything that had to be done by this date, involved re-vamping our website and Beth has put a lot of work into doing that. One item that still needs to be accomplished is the compilation of the DDCT electronic newsletter. Shannon said that she and Beth talked about the process of doing this and asked the board if they were in favor of submitting articles from their region regarding economic development. Beth suggested that the links presently listed on the DDOCT.org website to also be listed in the electronic newsletter. Shannon suggested highlighting one specific group in each quarterly newsletter. The board agreed on the newsletter being sent out by July 2008. Shannon said that we would also be sending out a survey to economic development areas to identify training that is needed. Then the staff can set up trainings and advertise on the website and newsletter. Denice Doss suggests that in the survey, suggestions as to what types of training is available, might help to get the people taking the survey to think of ideas for desired opportunities. Jane Crouch asked about Revolving Loan Funds and other programs such as USDA. Beth Correa said she would look into those and post them on the website for funding resources. Shannon announced that the new regional director for EDA in Austin is Sharon Frerking. Jane Crouch suggested to the board that Sharon be invited to our next board meeting to be our guest speaker. Shannon said that the CEDS will be submitted to EDA. Denice Doss asked about page 29, Goal 4, Objective 2: Develop programs to meet identified needs. Denice stated that even though the deadline for this objective is December 2008, that there would be a lot of work that would go into the process. The board agreed and staff agreed to begin work on that immediately, since identifying the needs would hinge on survey information.
6. Beth Correa reinforced the importance of turning in the Time Logs. She asked the Board to please remember and record all the time they spend doing activities that relate to DDCT and to turn them in monthly. Also, Beth gave all board members a blank time log and gave them the opportunity to fill it out while they were in the meeting. Several board members turned in their logs for the previous month immediately.
7. There were no other staff comments.
8. Shannon Mattingly reminded the Board members that our next meeting will be held on July 7, 2008 at 10:00 am.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

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Denise Doss, Chairman

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Date

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Beth Correa, DDCT Staff