

Development District of Central Texas

Board of Directors Meeting

Central Texas Council of Governments

2180 North Main Street

Wednesday, July 7, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Ira Brand – Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce

Kathy Gilmore – Bell County

Mayor Pro-Tem Patsy E. Luna – City of Temple

Denice Doss – Rockdale Chamber of Commerce

Judge John Firth – Coryell County

Cynthia Hernandez – Belton Economic Development

George Dentry – Salado Chamber of Commerce

Others Present:

Tony Guidroz – City of San Saba

Larry Jones – USDA Rural Development

Johnny Smith – USDA Rural Development

Jim Reed - CTCOG

Beth Correa – CTCOG

Minutes

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. Public Comments: None
3. Denice Doss asked the Board to review the minutes from the January Board meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Patsy Luna, City of Temple made a motion to approve the minutes taken for April 7, 2008. Ira Brand made the second and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Denise Doss asked Beth Correa to update the Board on the progress of the goals and objectives from the CEDS. Beth Correa updated the board on training classes that the board would hold. Grant Writing would be the first class offered and suggestions from the board were taken as to when the class would take place. Also, Beth asked the board members what they wanted to do with costs of the classes. The Grant Writing class would cost \$75.00 per person. The option was given the board to charge a small extra fee for the DDCT to retain, or simply just offer it as a service, only covering the cost incurred. Jim Reed suggested that we keep the price as low as possible in order to generate interest. Mayor Pro-Tem Patsy Luna, City of Temple, agreed. She said that it should not be a money-making project. She recommended that all economic development people be included to invite to the classes. The Board agreed to hold the class on the next DDCT Board meeting day, October 6, 2008. Beth also reported that the new DDCT electronic newsletter was emailed in July.
5. A presentation was made by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regarding funding programs available for rural communities. Larry Jones, USDA, had a PowerPoint presentation and a take-home packet for all board members. The

Board members were very appreciative and excited about programs that they were not aware of. Afterwards, he introduced Johnny Smith as the USDA Representative that would represent Central Texas after USDA completes its Re-organization in the next month or so. The Board members thanked them both for their excellent presentation.

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. Board Comments: Denice Doss, Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, asked about openings in the Board Membership. Beth had printed out the roster of members, noting several position openings. Jim said that a recommendation letter/email from a County Judge or Mayor of the City should be sent to the CTCOG Executive Committee, via Beth Correa. At the monthly Executive Committee meeting, there would be a vote and then the nominee could be added to the DDCT Board membership.

Jim Reed said that Beth Correa would be the point of contact since Shannon Mattingly has resigned her position as Planning and Regional Service Director.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Denise Doss, Chairman

Attest:

Date

Beth Correa, DDCT Staff