

Development District of Central Texas

Board of Directors Meeting

Central Texas Council of Governments

2180 North Main Street

Wednesday, October 6, 2008

9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Denice Doss – Rockdale Chamber of Commerce

Judge John Firth – Coryell County

Cynthia Hernandez – Belton Economic Development

Elizabeth Taylor – Coryell County

Jane Crouch – Hamilton EDC

Judtih Hetherly – City of Lampasas

Others Present:

Tony Guidroz – City of San Saba

Beth Correa – CTCOG

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. with a quorum present by Chairperson, Denice Doss, Rockdale Chamber of Commerce.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Denice Doss asked the Board to review the minutes from the July Board meeting. Cynthia Hernandez, Belton Economic Development Corporation, made a motion to approve the minutes taken for July 7, 2008. Judge John Firth, Coryell County made the second and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Denice Doss began discussion regarding quarterly meetings for next year. A consensus was drawn that the best time would be before the Executive Committee meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, 11:00 a.m. Therefore, the first quarterly meeting for 2009 was set at 11:00 a.m. on January 22nd. The other quarterly meetings for the year are to be April 23, July 23, and October 22 at 11:00 am, unless otherwise rescheduled.
5. Beth Correa reported to the Board that according to the list of classes that was agreed upon to offer, the next class would be "Business Retention and Expansion". Beth asked for suggestions or preferences of class time/date. The only preference was that it not be on 2nd Thursdays. There were no other suggestions, so Beth said that she would try to get the class set up for January.
6. Denice Doss asked for time logs. Beth Correa reminded the board that their time spent at meetings, events, council meetings, seminars, or other public group meetings, could be used as in-kind match for the EDA grant that funds DDCT. She also reminded them that travel time to and from those places should also be included in their time. Commissioner Elizabeth Taylor, Coryell County, reminded the board that it is worth the time spent to jot down the hours to keep the records accurate and our grant intact for EDA.
7. There were staff comments from Judge John Firth regarding the state of the National Economy and the state of Texas economy and the state of Central Texas economy.

He said that our communities should be shown that our own local businesses are alive and well! He said we should do all we can to re-enforce the positives so that the public won't get caught up in the negativity of our nation's crisis. There was agreement between the board members that indeed, we should help to promote the positives of our communities. Beth Correa suggested that Judge Firth and others send articles to her by October 20, 2009, so that she could publish them in the e-newsletter from the DDCT.

8. Staff Comments: Beth reminded everyone that we would be meeting again on January 22, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

9. Jane Crouch, Hamilton EDC made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Elizabeth Taylor, Coryell County made the second. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Denise Doss, Chairman

Attest:

Date

Beth Correa, DDCT Staff