Sonora Economic Development Corporation 307 E. Oak Sonora TX 76950 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

The Sonora Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) board of directors met in regular session at the Sutton County Courthouse Annex Commissioner's Court Room, 300 E. Oak Street on February 3, 2021, with the following directors present: Jim Polonis, Jo Ann Hernandez, Pascual Hernandez, Anita Hudson, Espy Whitehead and Tara Wagner. Also present were Mayor Juanita Gomez, Lance Kieler, Interim CEO of Hudspeth Hospital, Stephanie Richie, Editor of the Devil's River News and David Smith, Clerk.

- 1. Jim called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 11:34 a.m. Jim presided until toward the end of item 4d and then Jo Ann presided for the rest of the meeting.
- 2. Espy gave the invocation.
- 3. The consent items were presented for discussion and approval. The items included were: Meeting minutes for January 6, 2021, the Check Detail Report for January, 2021 and the financial report for January, 2021. Upon motion by Espy and second by Jo Ann, the consent items were approved with all directors voted for approval.
- 4. Jim introduced Lance Kieler, the Interim CEO of L. M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. Lance gave a wide-ranging report on recent equipment upgrade, new programs, and current status followed by his personal vision of some of the things the hospital should consider for the future. He indicated that expected a new CEO to be in place in about 50 days.
- 5. Jim then called upon Tara Wagoner for a presentation of her application for a Special grant. David said the application was in order and recommended approval. Upon motion by Anita and second by Pascual, with Tara abstaining, the Special Grant in the amount of \$128.72 was approved.
- 6. Jim then called on David for a report on the Mayor's beautification project for the triangle at the US277 T intersection. With input from David, the Mayor and several board members a favorable consensus evolved, with David explaining that SEDC could fund such a project, but could not do it. The Mayor indicated that the Beautify Sonora Committee could file the application. At Pascual's suggestion and upon motion by Jo Ann and second by Pascual, the item was tabled pending more definite cost information and the filing of an application

- 7. Jim and David then gave a review to the marketing plan in which SEDC had purchased a Partner interest, explaining how the process would work, hopefully driving out of state prospects to SEDC.
- 8. Jo Ann then called upon David for the Project Report. After discussion upon motion by Pascual ad second by Espy, the report was approved.
- 9. David then presented the Managers report for January, 2021.
- 10. Jo Ann called upon David for the monthly reports and Davide reviewed the Tourism Committees marketing procedure and the SEDC connection with it.

11. Upon Motion by Anita and seconded by Espy, the meeting adjourned at 1:07. p.m.

Jim Polonis, President

David L. Smith, Clerk