

Minutes

Linden Economic Development Corporation and Linden Section 4B Economic Development Corporation

Linden Economic Development Office
Monday, March 13, 2006

Members Present LEDC:	Anne Marie Simmons Richard Bowden	Carolyn Jolly	John Rountree
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Non-members attending:	Russell G. Wright	Kayla Williams	Rebecca Narramore

Anne Marie Simmons called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m.

Minutes were read from the previous meetings. Mrs. Jolly moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Rountree seconded.

Mrs. Williams reviewed the financial report for the month of February. Mr. Rountree moved to approve the financial report. Ms. Jolly seconded,

Under old business, Mr. Wright discussed the Greater East Texas Chamber of Commerce that was tabled at the last meeting. With LEDC's \$1200 membership, LEDC will be rebated \$600 back as a sponsorship towards the T-Bone Walker Blues Fest. Mr. Rountree made a motion to take \$600 from A-Board and \$600 from B-Board for the marketing of Linden on the Greater East Texas Chamber of Commerce website. Mrs. Jolly seconded.

Mr. Wright updated the board on the TMA's. The TMA is a sold out show. Michael Martin Murphey will be performing along with 15 other entertainers. TMA has exceeded their sponsorship goal for the show. There will be an after party in Jefferson. Proceeds from the after party will go to the Jefferson Senior Center.

Mr. Wright updated the board on the T-Bone Walker Blues Fest. Mr. Wright is working with Richard Bowden on the line up of the entertainers. T-Bone Walker Blues Fest has received its first sponsors which are the Linden Parks Board and the Fairview Community Center.

Under new business Rebecca Narramore asked LEDC to donate \$1000.00 to the Wildflower Trails of Texas. The WFT does not have any fundraisers and relies on sponsors to help cover expenses. Mr. Rountree made a motion to give \$500 from the A-Board and \$500 from the B-Board to the Linden Wildflower Trails of Texas Organization. Mrs. Jolly seconded.

Mr. Wright updated the board on the Cass County Championship Rodeo. CCCR broke ground on Tuesday March 7, 2006. Mr. Wright drafted a lease agreement which LEDC will get the city attorney to review. LEDC may consider gifting the property to the CCCR after they become a 501(c)(3). The Cass County Commissioner's court may gift the Chapel Building at the county jail to the CCCR. The building would be used as a concession stand. If this building is gifted, LEDC would pay for the building to be moved and have liability insurance on the building while it is being moved. The board was asked if it would accept this building if the court chooses to gift it. Mr. Rountree made a motion to take the building if the court decides to gift it. Mrs. Jolly seconded.

Under other business Mr. Wright will be talking with Blue Ribbon Cleaners to see if LEDC could assist them. LEDC would like to try to keep Blue Ribbon Cleaners in Linden instead of moving to Atlanta.

Mr. Bowden made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rountree seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.