

MIDLAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MINUTES

January 09, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Midland Development Corporation convened in regular session at the Midland Chamber of Commerce board room, 303 West Wall Street, Suite 200, Midland, Texas, at 2:00 p.m. on January 09, 2023.

Board Members present: Chairman Stephen Lowery, Director Berry Simpson, Director Lourcey Sams, Director Lucy Sisniega, Director Jill Pennington, Director Chase Gardaphe, and Director Brad Bullock

Board Members absent: None

Staff Members present: Assistant City Manager Tina Jauz, City Attorney Nicholas Toulet-Crump, and Deputy City Secretary Vanessa White

Council Member(s) present: Mayor Lori Blong and Councilman Dan Corrales

MDC Staff Members present: Executive Director Sara Harris, Business Retention & Expansion Coordinator Sammi Steele, and Marketing & Administrative Coordinator Gabrielle Franks

1. Call meeting to order.

Chairman Lowery called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

2. Presentation thanking outgoing Midland Development Corporation Chairman Stephen Lowery.

3. Motion electing officers to serve through December 2023.

Director Simpson moved to appoint Chase Gardaphe as Chairman, Berry Simpson as First Vice Chair, P Lourcey Sams as Second Vice Chair, Jill Pennington as Secretary, and Brad Bullock as Treasurer; seconded by Director Sams. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Lowery, Bullock, Pennington, Sisniega, and Gardaphe, . NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

4. Motion approving the minutes of the December 12, 2022, meeting of the Midland Development Corporation.

Director Bullock moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 meeting of the Midland Development Corporation; seconded by Director Pennington. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Lowery, Sams, Simpson, Gardaphe, and Sisniega. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

5. Resolution establishing the dates of the regular meetings of the Midland Development Corporation Board of Directors to be held during the period of February 2023 to January 2024.

Director Sisniega moved to approve Resolution ED-429 establishing the dates of the regular meetings of the Midland Development Corporation Board of Directors to be held during the period of February 2023 to January 2024, seconded by Director Bullock. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Lowery, Sams, Simpson, Gardaphe, and Pennington. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

6. Presentation on the December 2022 monthly expenses and economic development activity report from the Midland Development Corporation Executive Director and staff.

Sara Harris gave an overview of the month's expenses, and economic development activity. Gabrielle Franks updated the board with the social media stats on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and now TikTok. Sammi Steele gave an overview of the business retention and expansion program in 2022.

**Board recessed into executive session at 2:42 p.m.**

7. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.101, the Board of Directors will hold an Executive Session, which is closed to the public to discuss the following matters as permitted under the following Texas Government Code Sections:

- a. Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations

- i. Discuss business prospects that the Midland Development Corporation seeks to have, locate, stay, or expand in or near the City of Midland, Texas, and discuss possible incentives, and discuss contract compliance on the part of businesses.

**Board reconvened into open session at 3:14 p.m.**

All the business at hand having been completed, Director Simpson adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vanessa White, Deputy City Secretary

PASSED AND APPROVED the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2023.

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Jill Pennington, Secretary