



MINUTES

The Board of Directors of TexAmericas Center met to conduct business at 11 Chapel Lane, Suite B, New Boston, TX 75570 on October 24, 2023.

1. The Directors and public began to assemble at 11:30 a.m. while lunch was served.
2. The Reflection and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Scott Norton and Jim Roberts.
3. Jim Roberts, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m., certifying that the meeting was properly posted, being held in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and that a quorum was present.

4. Directors in Attendance were:

Jim Roberts	Justin Powell	Ben King	Denis Washington
Jimmy Howell	Marc Reiter	Robert Irwin	Dan Boyles
Ron Collins			

Directors Absent were:

Kevin Avery	Craig McDuffie	Fred Meisenheimer	Steven Seals
Robbin Bass	Tim Ketchum		

Staff and others in attendance were:

Scott Norton	Marla Byrd	Andrew Hill	Eric Voyles
Jeff Whitten	John Sesler	Holly Sleek	Wes Jordan Jordan Law Firm
Gabe Tarr Visitor	Dale Hules Visitor	Judge Bobby Howell Bowie County Judge	

5. Jim Roberts called for Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items. Comments are limited to five minutes. None noted.
6. Jim Roberts called for Public Comments for Agenda Items. Comments are limited to five minutes. None noted.
7. Jim Roberts called for reports from the standing Committees of TexAmericas Center. No Committees had met since the last board meeting; therefore, no reports.
8. A motion was made by Marc Reiter and seconded by Justin Powell to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Those items were:
 - a. Approved Minutes of Board Meeting from September 26, 2023.
 - b. Approved Check Book Register and Deposit Summary from September 21, 2023 – October 15, 2023.

9. No report this month regarding regional water.
10. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20231024-01** authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to approve an agreement and Task Order Number 1 with Cromwell Architects Engineers, Inc. for Schematic Design Phase and Design Development Phase for the TAC Hooks Town Center. A motion was made by Jimmy Howell and seconded by Ben King. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
11. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20231024-02** authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute a contract for Financial Accounting Software with Oracle America, Inc. (Oracle Local Government, Oracle). A motion was made by Ron Collins and seconded by Justin Powell. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
12. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20231024-03** authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute the purchase of an insurance policy for rail operations with Duffer and Offenhauser Insurance through Indian Harbor for TexAmericas Center Operation (\$36,199.13). A motion was made by Dan Boyles and seconded by Ron Collins. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
13. Staff Reports:
 - a. Scott Norton provided the Executive Director/CEO Report.
 - b. Eric Voyles provided the Executive Vice President/CEDO Report.
 - c. Jeff Whitten provided the Executive Vice President/COO Report.
 - d. John Sesler provided the Vice President of Logistics Report.
 - e. Andrew Hill provided the Vice President of Finance Report.
 - f. John Sesler provided the General Manager of Railroad and Transload Ops Report.
14. A motion was made by Ben King and seconded by Marc Reiter to adjourn to Executive Session at 12:42 p.m. pursuant to the following Sections. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
 - a. Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; Consultation with attorney regarding legal issues relating to pending or contemplated litigation.
 - b. Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; Deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
 - c. Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; Personnel Matters.
 - d. Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code; Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations.
15. A motion was made by Dan Boyles and seconded by Ben King to reconvene in Open Session at 12:59 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Marc Reiter and seconded by Justin Powell to adjourn the meeting at 12:59 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The above and foregoing minutes of the TexAmericas Center Board of Directors meeting, October 24, 2023 were read and approved on November 28, 2023.



Justin Powell, Secretary