



MINUTES

The Board of Directors of TexAmericas Center met to conduct business at 11 Chapel Lane, Suite B, New Boston, TX 75570 on January 23, 2024.

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 12:00 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	Craig McDuffie	Marc Reiter	Robert Irwin
Tim Ketchum	Dan Boyles	Steven Seals	

Directors Absent were:

Ron Collins	Kevin Avery	Robbin Bass	Fred Meisenheimer
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Staff and Others in Attendance were:

Scott Norton	Marla Byrd	Eric Voyles	Jeff Whitten
John Sesler	Wes Jordan Jordan Law Firm	Judge Bobby Howell Bowie County Judge	Kyle Dooley Riverbend Water Resources District

5. Jim Roberts called for Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items. Comments are limited to five minutes. None noted.
6. Jim Roberts called 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. Committees that met since the last board meeting. 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 November 28, 2023.

- b. Approved Check Book Register and Deposit Summary from November 17, 2023 – January 17, 2024.
9. Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/CEO of Riverbend Water Resources District, provided the report regarding regional water.
10. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20240123-01 ratifying a reimbursement contract for environmental services cooperative agreement with TCEQ**. A motion was made by Justin Powell and seconded by Denis Washington. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
11. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20240123-02 ratifying the execution of modification and extension of Facility Use Agreement with Trinity Rail Maintenance Services, LLC**. A motion was made by Marc Reiter and seconded by Denis Washington. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
12. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20240123-03 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG)**. A motion was made by Marc Reiter and seconded by Dan Boyles. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
13. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20240123-04 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute an addendum to the Pay As Cut Timber Contract Between Bayou State Timber Services, Inc., and TexAmericas Center upon the TAC East Campus**. A motion was made by Dan Boyles and seconded by Craig McDuffie to approve the Resolution changing the extension date to April 30, 2024. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
14. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20240123-05 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute a contract with Stephenson Dirt Contracting, LLC for clearing and grubbing of approximately 200 acres of property on the TAC East Campus**. A motion was made by Justin Powell and seconded by Marc Reiter. Ben King abstained from the vote. Otherwise, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
15. 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. Scott Norton provided the Vice President of Finance Report in Andrew Hill's absence.
 - f. John Sesler provided the General Manager of Railroad and Transload Ops Report.
16. A motion was made by Ben King and seconded by Denis Washington to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to the following Sections at 12:38 p.m. 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.

Justin Powell left the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

17. A motion was made by Ben King and seconded by Marc Reiter to reconvene in Open Session at 1:09 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
18. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20240123-06** authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute a second modification to a lease agreement for 125 Austin Street, Hooks, TX 75561 to **Woodfield, Inc.** A motion was made by Marc Reiter and seconded by Jimmy Howell. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Ben King and seconded by Marc Reiter to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The above and foregoing minutes of the TexAmericas Center Board of Directors meeting, January 23, 2024, were read and approved on February 27, 2024.



Justin Powell, Secretary