

MINUTES

The Board of Directors of TexAmericas Center met to conduct business at 11 Chapel Lane, Suite B, New Boston, TX 75570 on December 3, 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 Ben King.
- 3. Ben King, Vice Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:05 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:

Ben King

Justin Powell

Denis Washington

Ron Collins

Marc Reiter Steven Seals Jimmy Howell
Tim Ketchum

Craig McDuffie Kevin Avery **Dan Boyles**

Directors Absent were:

Jim Roberts

Robert Irwin

Fred Meisenheimer

Robbin Bass

Staff and Others in Attendance were:

Scott Norton

Marla Byrd

Jeff Whitten

John Sesler

Andrew Hill

Wes Jordan

Judge Bobby Howell

Troy Lemons

Jordan Law Firm

Bowie County Judge

Holliday, Lemons & Cox, P.C.

- 5. Ben King called for Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items. Comments are limited to five minutes. None noted.
- 6. Ben King called for Public Comments for Agenda Items. Comments are limited to five minutes. None noted.
- 7. Ben King called for reports from the standing Committees of TexAmericas Center. Committees that met since the last board meeting were:
 - a. Executive
 - b. Investment/Finance

No other comments other than the minutes in the packet.

8. A motion was made by Justin Powell and seconded by Denis Washington 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 October 22, 2024.
- b. Approved Check Book Register and Deposit Summary from October 16, 2024 November 21, 2024.
- c. Considered and took action upon Resolution #20241203-01 approving the Fiscal Year 2024 4th Quarter Scrap and Timber Sales Report.
- d. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20241203-02** approving the Fiscal **Year 2024 4**th **Quarter Investment Report.**
- e. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20241203-03** authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute contract for health insurance for employees for 2025.
- f. Considered and took action upon Resolution #20241203-04 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to continue coverage with AMERITAS for employee dental benefits for 2025 and execute any documents if necessary.
- g. Considered and took action upon Resolution #20241203-05 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to continue coverage with Superior Vision for employee vision benefits for 2025 and execute any documents if necessary.
- h. Considered and took action upon Resolution #20241203-06 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to continue coverage with PRINCIPAL for employee life and supplemental benefits for 2025 and execute any documents if necessary.
- i. Considered and took action upon Resolution #20241203-07 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to continue coverage with Colonial Life for employee supplemental benefits for 2025 and execute any documents if necessary.
- j. Considered and took action upon Resolution #20241203-08 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to continue coverage with Mutual of Omaha for employee supplemental benefits for 2025 and execute any documents if necessary.
- k. Considered and took action upon Resolution #20241203-09 authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to continue coverage for supplemental benefits for 2025 with Transamerica Life Insurance Company and execute any documents if necessary.
- 9. Considered and took action upon Resolution #20241203-10 approving the Fiscal Year 2024 4th Quarter Financials. Troy Lemons with Holliday, Lemons and Cox, P.C. presented the FY2024 4th Quarter Financials. A motion was made by Dan Boyles and seconded by Craig McDuffie. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10. In Kyle Dooley's absence, Scott Norton gave a brief report regarding regional water.

11. Staff Reports:

- a. Scott Norton provided the Executive Director/CEO Report.
- b. Eric Voyles was absent No Executive Vice President/CEDO Report.
- c. Jeff Whitten provided the Executive Vice President/COO Report.
- d. Andrew Hill provided the Vice President of Finance Report.
- e. John Sesler provided the Executive Vice President of Logistics & Rail Operations Report.
- 12. A motion was made by Justin Powell and seconded by Marc Reiter 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.
- 13. A motion was made by Ron Collins and seconded by Justin Powell to reconvene in Open Session at 1:11 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Ron Collins and seconded by Denis Washington to adjourn the meeting at 1:11 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The above and foregoing minutes of the TexAmericas Center Board of Directors Meeting, December 3, 2024, were read and approved on January 28, 2025.

Justin Powell, Secretary