

**CITY OF FREEPORT**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
430 North Brazosport Blvd., Freeport. Texas 77541

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

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BE IT REMEMBERED that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met in a scheduled meeting Thursday, January 8, 2015, at the Freeport City Council Chambers, 430 North Brazosport Blvd., for the purpose of considering the agenda items.

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:** (Constituting a quorum)

Troy Brimage, President  
Drew Ryder  
Jason Travia  
Roy Yates

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jennifer Hawkins, EDC Director  
N C Hickey, Administrator  
Chris Duncan, Attorney

**VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Sandra Barbree, Council Liaison  
Annette Sandord  
M. Berlanga

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:**

President Brimage called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Upon motion by Director Travis, second by Director Ryder, it was VOTED: Minutes of the November 18, 2014, meeting be approved as presented.

Vote: Yea 4      No: 0      Motion Prevailed.

**BILLS TO BE PAID:**

Kennemer, Masters & Lunsford

First Billing: Completion of Audit Planning and Field Work  
\$ 2,818.75

Schiffer Odom Hicks & Johnson

Legal: Billing through November 30, 2014

10,987.20  
\$13,805.95

Upon motion by Director Travis, second by Director Yates, it was VOTED:

The bills in the amount of \$13,805.95 be paid.

Vote: Yea 4      No 0      Motion prevailed.

**EDC DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

a. EDC Director Hawkins discussed membership in the IEDC (International Economic Development Council) and that in order to be certified it would be necessary to be a member of the Council. Membership in the Council, with an applicants annual budget of \$250,000 to \$749,999 for two (2) members would be \$555.00.

Upon motion by Director Yates, 2nd by Director Travis, it was VOTED:

Membership in IEDC in the amount of \$555 be approved

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Vote: Yea 4      No 0      Motion prevailed.

b. There was general discussion regarding training for the EDC Director - no action taken.

c. The Director reported on activities of the office from the time appointment to present, including but not limited to training, matching grants, infrastructure, city wide activities and programs (existing and proposed), job creation and retention, tourism, and a close working relationship with the Planning Commission.

**FIRST STATE BANK - CLUTE:**

Purchase Order #14-104A issued to cover monthly payments on the renewal through September 30, 2015. The first payment, December 2014, in the amount of \$13,234.00 made January 9, 2015. Request for additional information from Directors distributed with a request that the information be provided to the Administrator for transmittal to bank.

**STATUS OF MARINA PURCHASE:**

It was reported that the necessary paperwork and deed was in process, with the final transfer to Briarwood Holdings being February 2, 2015.

**FEDC LOGO:**

Final design of the FEDC Logo has been completed. To be provided at the February 5, 2015, meeting for discussion and/or approval. (copy attached)

**BERLANGA & BUSCH LEASE:**

Mr Berlanga was was advised the marina had been sold, with the new owner taking possession on or about February 2, 2015, and it would be necessary to move the vessels to another location. Mr Berlanga reported that docking space was at a premium since Western Seafood had removed so much of their wharves. Director Travis advised that he would assist Mr Berlanga and Busch in finding another location.

There being no further business to come before the board, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Adjourned 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

N C Hickey  
Acting Secretary