

Minutes

WOOD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

November 7, 2019 6:30pm

Meeting Minutes

Wood County Collins Field Airport
Mineola, Texas

Members Present:

Allene Doggett, Miste Bolden, Victor Savelli, Joanne Wisdom, Neal Duncan

Members Not Present:

Gwen Winters, Cynthia Stancil

Others Present: Larry Tucker with Wood County Monitor.

1. **Call To Order/Open Forum:** Interim Chairman Neal Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Larry Tucker wished the board good luck during the open forum.
2. **Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Joanne Wisdom and seconded by Allene Doggett to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2019 meeting. Motion carried- unanimously. The financial report for the month of August, as tabled.
3. **Feasibility Study:** Interim Chairman Duncan advised the board that the study has been completed and the invoice was in the queue for payment.
4. **Bass Masters 2020 Tournament:** Interim Chairman Duncan advised the board that:
 - He had met with the Sabine River Authority.
 - SRA will handle the location requirements and infrastructure.
 - There will be a Saturday festival, which is the responsibility of the local host.
 - The Sheriff's Kid Fish will be on the same day (June 6, 2020) as the festival.
5. **Miste Bolden Comments:** Miste Bolden entered the meeting during the Bass Masters 2020 Tournament discussion, asked how many members are on the board and raised several points of order and concerns:
 - The meeting may violate the open meetings act.
 - Per the bylaws, the representatives are supposed to be approved by the commissioners court.
 - She would "not be voting on anything".
 - Per the bylaws, officers are to be elected.
 - By her reading, the bylaws were written to prevent a restructuring of the commission.
 - As a last point, she encouraged all the members to read the bylaws.
6. **New Direction of the Wood County Economic Development Commission:** Interim Chairman Duncan informed the committee that his instruction are to continue operations of the commission and to formulate a strategic plan for the WCEDC, which complies with local government code 381 and that further instruction included the development of a plan to align stakeholders in the county. In the course of the discussion, the questions of what Judge Hebron sees as the role of the board and how the HOT and UCC fund programs should be handled were raised.
7. **Meeting adjourned:** Interim Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.



Neal Duncan, Interim Executive Director