

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC.

A regular meeting of the Development Corporation of Abilene, Inc. will be held on Monday, October 27, 2014, at Develop Abilene conference room, 174 Cypress St., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Abilene, Texas, commencing at 1:30 p.m. to consider the following agenda:

SIGNED:

  
Kent/Sharp, CEO

## AGENDA

October 27, 2014  
1:30 p.m.

Develop Abilene Conference Room  
174 Cypress St., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Approval of minutes from the October 16, 2014, board meeting.
3. Executive Session:  
The DCOA reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any item on the agenda, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.074 (Personnel Matters) see list below, and 551.087 (Business Prospect/Economic Development). After discussion in executive session, any action or vote will be taken in public.

(Personnel) Section 551.074

The DCOA, pursuant to the adopted Bylaws, may consider the appointment, employment and duties of certain positions as well as membership of certain committees.

(Consultation with Attorney) Section 551.072

Discuss DCOA v. Slidefire litigation.

4. Adjournment.

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of Abilene, Texas, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, at \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary

## NOTICE

Persons with disabilities who would like special assistance or need special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact Department of Economic Development, (325) 676-6390, at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of this meeting. Telecommunication device for the deaf is (325) 676-6360.

**DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC.**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 16, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Copeland                      Marelyn Shedd                      Dani Ramsay  
   Scott Senter                      John Beckham

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kent Sharp                      Kim Tarrant  
   Mindy Patterson                      Stanly Smith

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Jason Smith                      Abilene Chamber of Commerce  
   Andrew Harmon                      Clavel Corporation  
   Sean Fields                      Texas Tech University/TMAC  
   Michael Sanders                      Texas Tech University/TMAC  
   Brian Bethel                      Abilene Reporter News

1.     **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:** President Dave Copeland called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. at Abilene Laboratories, 1325 Pine St., Abilene Texas.
2.     **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2014, BOARD MEETING:** John Beckham moved to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2014 board meeting. Dani Ramsey seconded and the motion carried.
3.     **SALES TAX REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2014:** Mindy Patterson, Director of Finance for the City of Abilene, presented the Sales Tax Report for October 2014. The sales tax rebate for economic development is \$868,660, which represents August sales. This is 6.57% above last year and 4.48% above the projected FY 15 budget amount.
5.     **PRESENTATION BY THE TMAC FOR A NEWLY EXPANDED PROGRAM AND FY15 FUNDING:** Dr. Michael Sanders of TMAC presented a newly expanded program to the Board. TMAC has been delivering hands-on technical assistance and training to improve business' efficiency, productivity, growth, and sustainability for more than 18 years. Dr. Sanders explained that in the new program TMAC will be spending more time onsite to assist companies, rather than their typical 2-day onsite training and 90-day offsite support. By spending more time onsite TMAC will be able to assist clients begin their transition and build trust with them. Andrew Harmon of Clavel Corporation attended the Board meeting and testified to how TMAC helped his company and to the importance of TMAC's presence onsite.  
  
Dr. Sanders requested that the Board consider increasing assistance from \$11,000 per company to \$25,000 per company in FY15 for TMAC's expanded program.
4.     **EXECUTIVE SESSION – SESSION 1:** I hereby announce we are going into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 072, 074 and 087 to consult with our legal counsel, discuss real property transactions, personnel matters, and discuss economic development negotiations involving a business prospect, as set forth on the agenda. Any vote or action will be taken in open session.

President Dave Copeland announced the date is October 16, 2014, and the time is 1:55 p.m. Later, President Copeland announced the date is still October 16, 2014, and the time is 2:10 p.m. No vote or action was taken in Executive Session.

5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FY15 FUNDING FOR TMAC:** John Beckham voted to table the item in favor of allowing Kent Sharp time to research the benefits of TMAC assistance provided to local manufacturers and how other economic development corporations have assisted TMAC. Scott Senter seconded and the measure passed unanimously.
4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – SESSION 2:** I hereby announce we are going into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 072, 074 and 087 to consult with our legal counsel, discuss real property transactions, personnel matters, and discuss economic development negotiations involving a business prospect, as set forth on the agenda. Any vote or action will be taken in open session.

President Dave Copeland announced the date is October 16, 2014, and the time is 2:12 p.m. Later, President Copeland announced the date is still October 16, 2014, and the time is 3:36 p.m. No vote or action was taken in Executive Session.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

---

Dave Copeland, President