

2 building from the DCOA and now requires additional warehouse space. Construction costs increased from the original \$6 million estimate to \$6,710,400. In Feb. 2008, the DCOA approved additional construction funds of \$1,045,900 (\$710,400 for additional construction and a 5% contingency of \$335,500). Because the construction cost increased, the fee for basic services, which is based on 5.75% of the total construction cost, also increased. Per our contract with PWP, Tittle Luther is also working with PWP to design renovations to the existing facility to add additional equipment.

Staff recommends the DCOA approve additional funding of \$93,975 for the professional services fees and other charges associated with the Spec 2 expansion.

Paul Cannon moved to approve Resolution No. DCOA-2008.10 as presented. Mike Schweikhard seconded the motion and it carried.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** I hereby announce we are going into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, .072, and .087 to consult with our legal counsel, discuss real property transactions, 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.

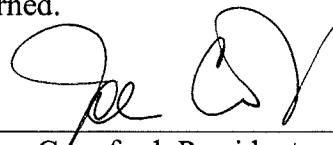
The date is March 25, 2008 and the time is 1:37 p.m. The date is still March 25, 2008 and the time is 2:58 p.m. No vote or action was taken in Executive Session.

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSISTANCE FOR PROJECT SME.** Project SME is a wind energy industry full-service provider with employees working throughout the U.S. The company offers engineering and construction, training, wind facility management, and repair & retrofit services. Project SME is interested in opening a regional maintenance & training center and a remanufacturing plant in Abilene at the former Lockheed plant. The company expects to create 89 jobs within two years, with 76 of these paying \$30,000 or more a year. Project SME also expects to make approximately \$5.7 million in capital investments.

Staff recommends the DCOA authorize total assistance of \$1,418,000 as follows: job creation incentives totaling \$848,000 payable over five years and capital investment incentives totaling \$570,000 (10% of \$5.7 million) payable over five years.

A motion was made by Paul Cannon to approve Resolution No. DCOA-2008.10 as presented. Stan Lambert seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.** The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 29, 2008. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Joe Crawford, President