

**DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC.**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 27, 2010**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Paul Cannon Dani Ramsay	Marelyn Shedd Scott Senter
<b>MEMBER ABSENT:</b>	Mike Schweikhard	
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Richard Burdine Dan Santee	Susan Campbell
<b>GUESTS PRESENT:</b>	Bill Ehrie	Abilene Industrial Foundation

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Paul Cannon called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Develop Abilene conference room located at 174 Cypress Street, 3rd floor, Abilene, TX.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 13, 2010 BOARD MEETING.** A few corrections were made to these minutes after packet distribution. Marelyn Shedd moved to approve the minutes as corrected, from the July 13, 2010 board meeting. Dani Ramsay seconded and the motion carried.
3. **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.

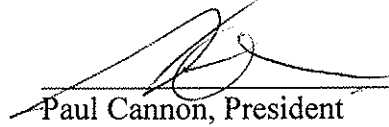
President Paul Cannon announced the date is July 27, 2010, and the time is 1:37 p.m. Mr. Cannon then announced the date is still July 27, 2010, and the time is 1:52 p.m. No vote or action was taken in Executive Session.

4. **DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSISTANCE TO CISCO COLLEGE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH AND BIOTECH TEACHING LAB SPACE.** In an effort to grow Abilene's biotech sector, staff and a local scientist have worked closely with Cisco College to establish a biotech technician training program. Cisco College has gained state approval to offer a one-year biotech technician certificate program and they have identified existing storage space on the second floor of the Abilene campus that could be converted to a teaching lab. In addition, Cisco College has recently received a state grant of \$135,300 to acquire equipment for the biotech teaching lab, based on a very minimal list developed by the local scientist.

Staff recommends the DCOA Board authorize a 50% match (\$67,650) to the recent state grant to allow for the purchase of other necessary equipment, mobile lab benches, stools, and the conversion of existing second floor storage space to a teaching lab. Staff also recommends the DCOA Board give Cisco College the discretion to use \$10,000 of the matching grant for construction of new classroom and lecture hall space on the second floor, as part of their planned second floor expansion project that will be utilized in part by the biotech technician program.

A motion was made by Scott Senter to approve Resolution No. DCOA-2010.20 as presented. Marelyn Shedd seconded and the motion passed.

**5. ADJOURNMENT.** The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 10<sup>th</sup>.



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Paul Cannon, President