DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC. BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 2, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Copeland

Dani Ramsay

John Beckham

Marilyn Shedd

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jack Rich

STAFF PRESENT:

Kent Sharp

Kim Tarrant

Stanley Smith

GUESTS PRESENT:

Justin Jaworski –

Abilene Industrial Foundation

Brian Yates -

Abilene Chamber of Commerce

Doug Peters -

Abilene Chamber of Commerce

Bruce Kreitler -

Abilene City Council

Brooke Crum -

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- 1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: President Dave Copeland called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at 174 Cypress St., 3rd floor conference room, Abilene Texas.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 25, 2016 BOARD MEETING: Dani Ramsay moved to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2016, board meeting. John Beckham seconded and the motion carried.
- 3. **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 February 2, 2016, and the time is 1:32 p.m. Later, President Copeland announced the date is still February 2, 2016, and the time is 1:49 p.m. No vote or action was taken in Executive Session.

4. **DISCUSSION** AND **POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH TRAC-WORK, INC. TO REHAB THE RAIL SPUR CROSSING ON FIVE POINTS PARKWAY IN THE FIVE POINTS BUSINESS PARK: Kent Sharp discussed the need to rehab the existing timber crossing on Five Points Parkway. In 2013, the board approved a contract with Central State Resources, LLC (CSR) to design a layout for proposed expansion of rail service in the Five Points Business Park. In 2015, the board approved a second contract with CSR for development of construction plans. Included in the construction plans was the rehabilitation of the existing timber crossing, which is in poor condition. The wooden track will be replaced with concrete panels. Staff received two bids for the work: 1) Lone Star Railroad Contractors, Inc. for \$38,785; and 2) Trac-Work, Inc. for \$33,942. Staff recommends a contract with Trac-Work, Inc. plus funding of \$33,942 and a 10% contingency of \$3,400, totaling \$37,342.

Marelyn Shedd moved to approve resolution no. DCOA-2016.10 authorizing a contract with Trac-Work, Inc. in the amount of \$33,942 and an additional 10% contingency of \$3,400 to rehabilitate the rail crossing on Five Points Parkway. Dani Ramsay seconded and the motion carried.

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5. **POSSIBLE** APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION **DISCUSSION** AND AUTHORIZING MATCHING FUNDS FOR A GRANT TO MAKE DYESS AIR FORCE BASE ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS: Kent Sharp requested funding for the Military Affairs Committee (MAC) up to \$200,000 to cover a portion of the 20% contribution required for a Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC) grant to improve the Visitor's Control Center located at the main gate of Dyess AFB on Arnold Blvd. MAC is currently working to secure additional state grant funds to further improve Dyess' military value, thereby further protecting it from possible closure actions. The \$1.75 million project is designed and ready for biding; however, there is no budget money available for construction. MAC is requesting the DCOA provide \$200,000 of the match, and in-kind contributions from the federal government will make up the difference. Staff recommends the board approve funding up to \$200,000 to cover the match contribution.

John Beckham moved to approve resolution no. DCOA-2016.11 authorizing up to \$200,000 to be used as a portion of the match contribution for a Texas Military Preparedness Commission grant to improve the Dyess AFB Visitor's Control Center. Dani Ramsay seconded and the motion carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dave Copeland, President

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