

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC.
SPECIAL-CALLED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Copeland Greg Blair John Beckham
Jack Rentz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jack Rich

STAFF PRESENT: Kent Sharp Kim Tarrant

GUESTS PRESENT: Mark Zachary McMahon Law Firm
Bruce Kreitler City Council
Robert Hanna City Manager
Kristina Jones Military Affairs Committee
Doug Williamson Military Affairs Committee
Doug Peters Military Affairs Committee
Justin Jaworski Abilene Industrial Foundation

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: President Dave Copeland called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. at 174 Cypress St., 3rd floor conference room, Abilene Texas.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – SESSION 1: President Dave Copeland announced there would be no need to go into Executive Session and instead would go straight into the open part of the meeting.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MATCHING FUNDS FOR A TEXAS MILITARY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION GRANT TO IMPROVE PERIMETER FENCING ON DYESS AIR FORCE BASE: Kent Sharp, CEO of the DCOA, turned the meeting over to Doug Peters, President of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce to explain the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) being applied for by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee (MAC). Mr. Peters gave a brief background for the need of the DEAAG grant at Dyess Air Force Base (Dyess). Approximately 3,000 feet of perimeter fence must be relocated due to an FFA and Department of Defense (DoD) violation with the lateral clearance zone requirements which prohibits obstructions within 1,000 feet of the runway centerline. The current fence is located 750 feet from the runway and has been classified as a permanent obstruction in accordance with FAA PART 77 standards. Dyess recently exchanged land with the owner of an adjacent property, which will allow the fence to be relocated and comply with FAA criteria. The total cost to relocate this section of fence is \$563,389.76 and MAC is requesting the DCOA provide 35%, or \$198,880, of the match, and in-kind contributions from the federal government will make up the difference. Mr. Peters then turned the meeting over to Kristina Jones, the volunteer who will assist in writing the grant since she has experience.

Ms. Jones told the board she had a lengthy visit with the Governor's Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC) to find out what makes a successful grant proposal and what they expect to see. Last year's grant application for the Visitor's Control Center was denied due to less than 50% match funding. If the funds are available next year, MAC would like to apply again for the funding to improve the Visitor's Control Center for

security reasons. Greg Blair commented on the importance of community partnerships for any future BRAC decisions.

John Beckham moved to approve resolution no. DCOA-2018.01 authorizing funding up to \$198,880.00 as a portion of the match contribution for a Texas Military Preparedness Commission grant to relocate approximately 3,000 feet of fence to comply with FAA and DoD guidelines. Greg Blair Seconded and the motion passed.

4. DISCUSSION OF NEXT BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 17, 2017, 1:30 P.M.:
There was no discussion regarding the next board meeting scheduled for October 17, 2017.

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



Dave Copeland, President