March 2013 Meeting Minutes Greater Nocona Area Economic Development Corporation (Type A) & Nocona Municipal Economic Development Corporation (Type B) at the Tales and Trails Museum, March 5th, 2012

Agenda items:

I. Roll call and call to order: Type A & Type B – Confirm Quorum for Type A & Type B President Kyle Reynolds called the Type A Board to order at 12:16 pm. Also present were Chance Dingler, and Tracy O'Neal.

President Suzanne Storey called the Type B Board to order at 12:11 pm. Also present were Phil Staley, Sandra Reynolds and Martha Underwood.

Also present was Wayne Wood from the Nocona Chamber of Commerce Rodeo Committee.

- **1.** Acceptance of February meeting minutes Type A & Type B Both Boards approved the February minutes.
- **2.** Acceptance of January Type A & Type B financials Both Boards approved the January financials.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR:

The director opened the public hearing for the following items at 12:12pm.

Type B\$3,700 for Chisholm Trail Rodeo Grounds sewage pump and improved lighting

\$20,000 for community swimming pool resurfacing and re-tiling

\$4,500 for Chisholm Trail Rodeo Grounds fencing and beams

Type A \$20,000 for community swimming pool resurfacing and re-tiling

\$4,500 for Chisholm Trail Rodeo Grounds fencing and beams

There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed at 12:18 pm.

III. INDIAN OAKS GOLF COURSE PROJECT

The director reminded the A and B Boards that they had agreed to split the request for \$10,300 to help with equipment and greens fertilizing. The public hearing was held last month with no negative comments being made.

The director said the Boards needed to decide on approving the project and, if approved, they would need to request that the staff place it on the City Council agenda for approval to expend the funds.

The Boards approved the project and requested that it be put on the City Council agenda.

IV. RODEO COMMITTEE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The director reminded the Boards that they had requested the Rodeo Committee present its vision of future needs at the March meeting, so the Boards could know what other projects might be expected in the immediate future, understanding that an end vision for the rodeo grounds would benefit future planning by the Boards.

The director handed the floor over to Wayne Wood. Wayne gave the Boards a handout with the plans listed, and he also included previous funds spent. He explained there were 3 areas in their 5 year plan that included completing the dance floor concrete area at an estimated cost of \$21,725.00, completing the cover over the dance floor which includes a free standing frame at an estimated cost of \$42,000.00, and repairing cracks in the concrete bleachers due to decay at an estimate of \$40,000.00

The rodeo committee was not requesting these items at this time. Wayne also mentioned future plans of providing RV hookups.

V. CHISHOLM TRAIL RODEO GROUNDS PROJECT

The director stated that the B Board had agreed to give \$3,700 to start with toward the pump and pipe (\$1,300), and lighting (\$2,400) projects. Due to miscommunication among the staff, the public hearing was not scheduled last month. However, the public hearing that took place earlier in the meeting and the posting of the January meeting minutes meant the technical requirement for the 60-day clock had been met. The rodeo committee would like to move forward on the project, so the work is finished prior to the rodeo season starting.

The Type B Board approved the project and requested that it be put on the City Council agenda.

VI. Staff Update

1. Business of the Year

The director said the Chamber Banquet was scheduled for March 28. Proposals on a business award needed to be made if an award was to be presented at the banquet. Last year, the All American Ballglove Company was proposed, but was begged off by the owners. Instead Tyler Thomas and his wife were recognized. The director asked for suggestions. The Boards mentioned Jeff Palmer and the new apartments.

2. Street Banner Project update

The director informed that the downtown banners were up. Under the original project the NEDC, Nocona Chamber of Commerce and City had agreed on posting 13 banners downtown and 13 banners along Hwy 82. The downtown mounts would be approximately \$135 each, totaling about \$1,800, and the mounts along Hwy 82 would be approximately \$110 each, totaling about \$1,500. Making the grand total of the project about \$3,300. However, making the downtown mounts locally in order to have them in time for Mardi Gras and capable of handing two banners each actually came out to about \$4,290. An offer was made to reimburse the \$1,000 over the original amount, if necessary. The monies were appropriated from the USDA RBEG monies. Since the rules had changed on the RBEG monies, the director suggested reimbursing the RBEG account. Additionally he asked if either of the Boards wanted to allocate an additional \$1,500 for the HWY 82 mounts, when and if the Chamber and City wanted to finish the HWY 82 portion?

The Type B Board agreed to reimburse the Citibank fund from general revenue and would like to have monies spent above the approved \$1,800 reimbursed.

3. Montague Boot Company line of credit

The director stated that the boot company had paid off the line of credit and the \$1,500 in interest.

- 4. TexasOne quarterly meeting, March 6 7, Austin The director informed that he would attend this guarterly meeting.
- 5. Leadership Montague County education program, March 8 The director said that Joni would attend the meeting.

6. Entrepreneur-Ready Communities Workshop, March 21-22, Waco

The director explained that there were not enough people signed up for the workshop, so it had been cancelled by the organization. However there was an opportunity to not let the hotel already booked go to waste. Joni would be planning on meeting with Laveda Brown to learn about the Center of Business Excellence incubator started in the Waco area

7. NCTC Starlit Gala

The director noted that although an important event supporting the NCTC scholarship program, the Boards had always had difficulty finding people to attend. The director suggested offering a table of 8, \$240 total (\$120 per Board), to Leadership Montague County. Since education is the LMC theme for March, it would be a good way to benefit both LMC and NCTC scholarships.

The Boards agreed to purchase the table for the LMC.

- VII. Items of community interest The director reminded of the upcoming event: Nocona Chamber of Commerce Banquet, March 28
- VIII. Adjourn

The Type A and B Boards adjourned at 12:58 pm