LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Crowder called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Ron Crowder, President	Bill Charbonneau
Gene Smith, Secretary	
Deannie Barrett	
Bobby Hocking	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   a. Regular Meeting of August 15, 2013

   Board member Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Board member Hocking seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

   a. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report

   Finance Director Kou presented the report. The report stood as submitted.

5. PRESENTATION

   a. Building and Standards Vice-Chairman Louis Mc Gaffey requested the Economic Development Corporation to assist monetarily ($160,000 to $200,000) for the demolition of substandard commercial property within the City (Lamar Elementary, etc...)

   b. Randy Hall provided the Board with information on the first draft amendment to PID #1 (Painted Meadows). He explained the PID process. Painted Meadows Phases 1 and 2 are doing well and all fees have been paid. They are now beginning Phase #3.

   c. Tommy Lee, Assessments of the Southwest, Inc. is the firm that was hired for the collecting the fees on PID, and said that collections have been mostly good for this area, a few slow payments, but it appears that income was good in this area. They will be providing reports periodically to the EDC Board.

   d. Mike Morgan was not present. Executive Director, Alex Getty explained that there were two owners that have committed funds for the 1764 Sewer Extension Project (J. Mercer Engineer). The plans are being drafted at this time. Next, will be the formal bid process. This is part of the Master Plan.

   e. Jeannie Meyers and Chico Negual of Wood Group Mustang Engineers and Constructors, Inc., (Dow Hydrocarbons and Resources, LLC) have submitted a

pipeline right-of-way and easement request that would allow them to install an approximately thirty-seven mile long 12" pipeline, mostly through the already established pipeline corridor that crosses property owned by the EDC, and the City. The pipeline will be used or the transportation of propane. Some of this pipeline will be under some of the water crossings within the City in the Highland Park area. They are requesting an additional 15 feet easement, the permanent easement being 30' in width. The price paid per rod (16 linear feet) is typically $450 but is negotiable. Discussion followed concerning pipeline maintenance, cost for lowering pipeline in future if need be, clearing of the lots, and a possible nature trail for Highland Park. After negotiations, completing final details and one combined application which has all areas included, EDC, and City and parkland, will be submitted, and then will be brought before City Council for final approval.
f. Steve Rose, was not present. Mr. Rose is still working on the financial piece of his presentation. Next month he plans to come before the EDC Board to answer questions about his future plans.

6. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Discussion/possible action regarding the Building and Standards presentation.

After a brief discussion regarding the legal wherewithal to participate and zoning, the item was tabled pending direction from city council.
b. Discussion/possible action regarding PID 1
After a brief discussion, no action was taken. The findings need to be verified.
c. Discussion/possible action regarding Assessments of the Southwest, Inc.
After a discussion, no action was taken.
d. Discussion/possible action regarding the sewer study completed by John D. Mercer & Associates, Inc.
After a brief discussion, not action was taken.
e. Discussion/possible action regarding the pipeline easement request from DOW Hydrocarbons and Resources LLC.
After a brief discussion concerning pipeline relocation costs, ingress/egress, clearing off all of the lots, a right-of-way grant for the Parks Board, and an assignment clause. A motion was made by Board Member Hocking and seconded by Board member Smith to begin negotiations with Wood Group Mustang and have Carlton Getty address the Board's concerns, if any remain once a formal offer is made. Motion passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS
None

8. DISCUSSION
a. Director's Report - report may include past, present, or future projects
Director Getty EDC Director gave a brief overview of his report. He was asked to be a member of the board of directors of the Texas City/La Marque Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber general membership will vote in the coming weeks. Chamber President, Jimmy Hayley asked the EDC to purchase a sign for the upcoming golf tournament for $150.00. There were no objections.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION
   a. Section 551.072 of the Government Code - deliberations about real property - land acquisition and or sale

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m.
The Board reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:59 a.m.

10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Consider land acquisition and or sale

Motion was made by Board member Smith and seconded by Board member Barrett to have Director, Alex Getty sign the contract submitted by FMMS Inc. to purchase the hard corner owned by the EDC located at FM 2004 & FM 1765. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Hocking made a motion for Director, Alex Getty to negotiate real estate purchases on I-45 and to work with our legal advisor and potentially a real estate agent. Board member Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Board member Alex Getty showed the Board members the new Chamber map.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Ron Crowder, President

Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk