LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Crowder called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ron Crowder, President
Deanie Barrett
Gene Smith, Secretary
Bill Charbonneau
Bobby Hocking

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   a. Regular Meeting of January 17, 2013

Board member Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Board member Hocking seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

   a. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report

There was discussion on amending the budget in the near future.

5. PRESENTATION

N/A

6. NEW BUSINESS

   a. Discussion/possible action to extend closing of real estate currently under contract

The current extension of the golf course will expire February 28, 2013. EDC Director Getty recommended that the contract be extended to May 31, 2013. Board member Hocking made the motion to approve an extension to expire May 31, 2013. Board member Barrett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

   b. Discussion/possible action to approve current potential real estate purchase payments and Sam's Club grant to be paid from account number 19-1001 (consolidated cash)

EDC Director Getty presented an update on this item. The purpose was to take funds from this account versus taking funds from an interest bearing account and insure that the Board is informed of the process.

c. Discussion/possible action to run an ad in the March/April issue of Trade & Industry Development magazine

Board member Hocking made a motion to proceed with placing an ad in this magazine. Board member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Discussion/possible action to approve renewing our advertisement on the 2013 Texas City – La Marque Chamber map

Board member Charbonneau made a motion to approve renewing our advertisement on the 2013 Texas City-La Marque Chamber map. Board member Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Discussion/Possible action regarding the purchase of promotional items

Discussion on purchasing promotional items and due to the new branding, we are in need of new promotional items. Board member Charbonneau made the motion to purchase promotional items not to exceed $5000.00. Board member Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Discussion/possible action to change the date of the regular March meeting

Sam's will be holding their official "Grand Opening" on the next regular scheduled meeting date. Board member Barrett made a motion to reschedule the March meeting to Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. Board member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

N/A

8. DISCUSSION

a. Director's Report - report may include past, present, or future projects

EDC Director gave a brief overview of his report.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board did not adjourn into Executive Session.

b. Section 551.074 of the Government Code – Personnel Matters – Executive Director annual evaluation

President Crowder closed the Open meeting at 8:51 a.m.
President Crowder reconvened the Open meeting at 9:10 a.m.

10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Consider land acquisition and or sale

No action on this item.

b. Consider action to be taken on Executive Director's evaluation

President Crowder stated that EDC Director Getty's reviews were excellent and as discussed earlier an increase is in order. Board member Smith made a motion to increase EDC Director Getty's salary by 3%. Board member Charbonneau seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Board member Hocking reminded everyone of the dedication ceremony at Sam's, Friday, February 22, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Ron Crowder, President

Zina Tedford, City Clerk