LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Crowder called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting of February 20, 2014

Board member Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report

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

5. PRESENTATION

a. Brian Springer, Bevis Pest Control - was not present

b. Saiyad Ali, FMMS Inc.; convenience store project - was not present

c. Public Works Director, Mike Morgan: sewer extension and sewer planning updates

Mr. Morgan reported that three bids were received for the 6 inch sewer line extension project from Fleming to I-45 and F.M. 1764. It was recommended that the project be awarded to low bidder, AR Turnkee Construction Company for the amount of $83,797.00

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding Brian Springer's request for assistance

After a brief discussion, it was determined that the Board would take no action at this time on this item.

b. Discussion/possible action regarding the FMMS Inc. application for incentives

After a brief discussion, Board member Hocking made a motion to table this item. Board Member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Discussion/possible action to approve a bid for the FM 1764 sewer extension project.

After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to award the bid to AR Turnkee Construction Company, low bidder for the amount of $83,797.00 for the sewer extension project. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Discussion/possible action to participate in the funding of water loss audit

It was discussed that the city is losing a significant amount of water yearly. The last water audit the City had was approximately fifteen years ago. According to the Texas Water Development Board, the City has a deadline to meet of May 1, 2014 to conduct an annual water loss audit. Board member Hocking made a motion to review the bids the city receives from the RFP that will be sent out. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Discussion/possible action to hire a consultant to develop a city wide comprehensive master plan.

It was the consensus of the Board to move forward, and have the EDC Executive Director consult with Mr. Rathburn for his opinions or suggestions as to how to go about implementing a comprehensive master plan that wouldn't sit on a shelf, but something practical that could be used in contributing to the future growth of the City, concentrating on utilizes, and water supply.

f. Discussion/possible action to renew membership with the Galveston County Economic Alliance.

After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to renew the membership with Galveston County Economic Alliance. Board member Barrett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS –There was none

8. DISCUSSION

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

EDC Director Getty 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 recessed into Executive Session at 9:08 a.m.

The Board reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Consider land acquisition and or sale

There was no formal action taken from the Executive Session.

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

There were none.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Robin Eldridge

Robin Eldridge, TRMC, City Clerk

Ron Crowder, President

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