LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2020

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDER OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ISSUED MARCH 16, 2020, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION CONDUCTED THIS MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL OF LIMITING FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS (ALSO CALLED "SOCIAL DISTANCING") TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19). THERE WAS NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE LOCATION AND A TOLL-FREE DIAL-IN NUMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TELEPHONIC MEETING WAS PROVIDED. THE PUBLIC WAS PERMITTED TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENTS TELEPHONICALLY AS PROVIDED BY THE AGENDA AND AS PERMITTED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER DURING THE MEETING.

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER
   Chairman Crowder called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

   PRESENT:
   Ron Crowder, Chairman
   Gene Smith, Secretary
   Deanie Barrett
   Louis "Mac" McGaffey
   Bobby Hocking

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
   There were no public comments.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT
   a. Presentation of the monthly financial report
   The presentation of the monthly financial report was postponed until the next meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Discussion/ possible action regarding the Emergency Business Retention Program
   Board member Barrett had questions regarding who would be eligible for the Business Retention Program wanting to ensure that this program was reserved for businesses that contribute to sales tax revenue. Director

Getty confirmed that while that is the primary intent of the program applicants should be evaluated on a case by case basis.
Board member Smith made a motion to approve the creation of an Emergency Business Retention Program. Board member Hocking seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Crowder appointed Board members Barrett and Smith to serve as the review committee over this program.

b. Discussion/ possible action regarding the lease at 210 Highway 3
Board member Barrett made a motion to renew the lease at 210 Highway 3 at the same lease rate as the previous year. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION
a. Director's Report- report may include past, present, or future projects
b. Public Relations Report- report to include an overview of efforts as it pertains to public relations

Both reports were postponed until the next meeting.

7. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS
Board member Hocking spoke to how thankful he was that staff was able to put a teleconference together.

8. ADJOURNMENT
Chairman Crowder adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Ron Crowder, Chairman

Kierra K. Nance
Deputy City Clerk

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