



**LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 23, 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 9:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Regular meeting of February 20, 2020
 - b. Special meeting of March 6, 2020
 - c. Special meeting of April 2, 2020
 - d. Regular meeting of May 21, 2020

Board member Hocking made a motion to approve minutes. Board member Smith seconded the motion. Board member Barrett made a motion to amend the minutes of February 20, 2020 to include who seconded the motion in Item 10 under "Land Acquisition". Board member Hocking seconded. Both motions passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - a. Presentation of the monthly financial report

Board member Hocking made a motion to approve the Financial Report as submitted. Board member McGaffey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the fiscal year 2019 audit performed by Belt, Harris, Pechacek

Board member Barrett made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2019 audit. Board member Hocking seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding fiscal year 2021 budget

Board member McGaffey made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2021 budget. Board member Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion/possible action to ratify round two of the Emergency Business Retention Program

Board member Hocking made a motion to ratify round two of the Emergency Business Retention Program. Board member McGaffey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

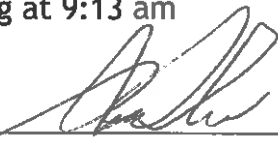
Board member McGaffey relayed a message of gratitude to the Board and City Council for the help they have given to small businesses during the impending pandemic.

Chairman thanked the City's Finance Department for the work that was put into the audit report.

Board Member Hocking issued a weather warning for the upcoming days, reminding everyone to be prepared during Hurricane Season.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman concluded the meeting at 9:13 am



Ron Crowder, Chairman

Kierra K. Nance
Deputy City Clerk