

**Bronte Economic Development Corporation – 4B**  
**Bronte City Hall Council Chambers, 114 S Washington, Bronte, TX.**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 15, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Bronte Economic Development Corporation 4B was called to order at 6:08 pm. Present: Linda Scott, Stacy Kelton, Brenda Hines, Deborah Bailey, Gwen Dyess, Cyndi Carlton, and Teresa Ballard. Absent Katie Meeks. Guests Shane and Jennifer Bearden.

President Linda Scott called meeting to order at 6:08 pm and established a quorum, after pledges to the American and Texas flags Gwen Dyess led the prayer.

There was no public comment.

#1 Consider Loan Forgiven Grant application from Shane and Jennifer Bearden, dba Bearden Automotive Repair, LLC to hire three full time employees. This is a one-time application for \$9,000.00. Cyndi Carlton moved to approve, Stacy Kelton 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. (Gwen Dyess abstained.) A public hearing will be held Friday, April 19, 2024, 2:00 pm.

#2 Consider approval of March 3, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Cyndi Carlton moved to approve; Brenda Hines seconded. All in favor.

#3 Review grant application from other EDCs for business owners who remodel buildings to lease to businesses. Tabled to give members time to review.

#4 Training Opportunities – On-going

- A) TMCN April 24, 2024, quarterly meeting, Abilene, Mayor Buzz Gohman, and Teresa Ballard will attend.
- B) TEDC Sales Tax Workshop, May 3, 2024, Abilene. Brenda Hines plans to attend.
- C) San Angelo COC, West Texas Legislative Summit, July 29-30, 2024. Cyndi Carlton and Deborah Bailey plan to attend.
- D) Film Friendly Texas Forum, May 16, 2024, New Braunfels, Texas. Tabled pending more information.

#5 Consider membership in ARCIT (Association of Rural Communities in Texas). Tabled pending more information.

#6 Open discussion. Cyndi Carlton noted that people are noticing Bronte is growing and encouraging new businesses. Cyndi also said San Angelo will be getting an Amazon distribution center which will bring more people to the area.

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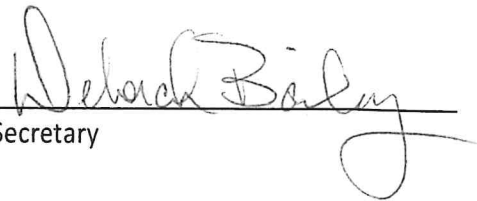
#7 Review of current Loan Forgiveness Grant Application and Performance Agreement templates. Tabled to give members time to review.

Next meeting is May 13, 2024, at 4:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned to 7:52 pm.



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President



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Secretary