

**Bronte Economic Development Corporation – 4B**  
Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2023

The regular meeting of the Bronte Economic Development Corporation 4B was called to order at 5:36 p.m. in the Bronte City Hall Council Chambers, 114 S Washington, Bronte, TX.

Present: Linda Scott, Brenda Hines, Gwen Dyess, Stacy Kelton, Katie Meeks, Deborah Bailey, and Teresa Ballard. Cyndi Carlton arrived at 5:41 p.m. Also in attendance were Sheree and Brantly Robertson and Erica Verfurth.

President Linda Scott called meeting to order and established quorum.

Linda Scott led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.  
Gwen Dyess led us in prayer.

### **Public Hearing**

Linda Scott **opened the public hearing** at 5:36 p.m.

Receive public comments concerning use of funds from the Bronte Economic Development 4B for Loan Forgiveness Grant to Erica Verfurth, The Ivey Courts, LLC – Remodel at 205 S. State St. in the amount of \$50,000.00.

There were no public comments.

Linda Scott **closed the public hearing** at 5:37 p.m. and then **opened the regular meeting**.

Linda Scott reported public hearing was held to receive public comments regarding loan forgiveness grant to Erica Verfurth, The Ivey Courts, LLC – at 205 S. State St. in the amount of \$50,000.00. for remodeling the motel.

Linda Scott and board members went over the performance agreement with Erica Verfurth. Teresa Ballard will make corrections as discussed. All paperwork will be ready to sign May 9<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.

Deborah Bailey made motion to approve the loan forgiveness grant to Erica Verfurth, The Ivey Courts, LLC – at 205 S. State St. in the amount of \$50,000.00. for remodeling the motel and corrections as presented in the performance agreement, seconded by Brenda Hines. Ayes – All

Linda Scott discussed loan forgiveness grant application from Sheree Robertson, The Coffee Table at 105 W Main St. for remodel of building. They are applying for remodeling expenses. Planning to open July 1<sup>st</sup>, if the owners of the building complete what they need

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to get done. Owners are waiting for a quote, and Sheree Robertson is waiting on owners before Sheree can get a quote. The Board discussed being excited but at this time a loan would not be as presented. The Board would like to see the owner's quote as well as The Coffee Table's quote. The board asked the Robertsons to stay to discuss the application and help guide them in what categories to classify the remodel. Katie motioned to table application, seconded by Deborah Bailey. Ayes – All

Gwen Dyess made motion to approve the FY22 annual audit prepared by Merritt, McLane & Hamby, LLC, seconded by Katie Meeks. Ayes – All

Cyndi Carlton made a motion to approve the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Gwen Dyess. Ayes – All

Brenda Hines made motion to approve professional service invoices by Messer, Fort & McDonald as presented, seconded by Katie Meeks. Ayes – All

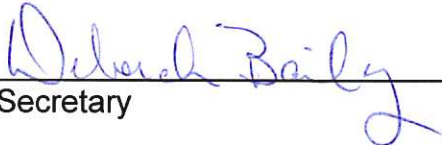
Katie Meeks made a motion to approve March & April financials as presented, seconded by Cyndi Carlton. Ayes – All

San Angelo Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 19<sup>th</sup> West Texas Legislative Summit on July 31 and August 1<sup>st</sup>. Let Teresa Ballard know if Board members are interested in attending.

Linda Scott reported the Bronte Depot Restoration Project will receive \$4,225 from San Angelo Gives.

If no further business Linda Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary

**Note:** After the meeting, members of the board worked with the Robertson's on The Coffee Table application. After the workshop, the Robertson's will be applying for retail sign; inventory items; equipment needed; structure and public restroom (ada compliance); job creation and startup cost.