

BUFFALO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and TOURISM CORPORATION

Board of Director's Meeting – **MINUTES**

February 18, 2026

Buffalo Economic Development Corporation, Board of Director's Meeting was called to order by Board President, Russell Jonas, at 12:00 pm, at the City of Buffalo, Convention Center, located at 812 N. Buffalo Avenue, Buffalo, Texas 75831. Notice of Meeting was posted as required.

Present: Russell Jonas, Susan Wilder, Dianne Ryder, Cindy Port, Royce Dawkins, Mike Anderson, Kaci Garner, Nani Hosino

Absent: John Ingram, Royce Dawkins, Greg Kennedy

Visitors: Mandy Pickett

Call to Order – The meeting was opened at 12:01 pm by Board President Russell Jonas.

Open Forum – None

Minutes of the January, 2026 Meeting – Motion by Diane Ryder, Second by Susan Wilder to approve the Minutes of the January, 2026 meeting. Unanimous vote.

Financial Report for January, 2026 Meeting – Motion by Diane Ryder, Second by Susan Wilder to approve the Financial Report for January, 2026. Unanimous vote.

Old Business –

- **Business Survey Review** – Mike Anderson gave overview of the business survey. Diane Ryder suggested keeping the document fluid. Dr. Jonas recommended adding a place for businesses to put their website. EDC team is going to collect data and bring it back to the board.
- **LED Sign** – Mike Anderson requested final sign off on the purchase order, artwork, installation plan, and quote. Motion by Diane Ryder to approve purchase order, artwork, installation plan, and quote. Second by Cindy Port. Unanimous vote.

New Business –

- **Mandy Pickett, Pickett Pro Rodeo** – Mandy presented the post-event report for the September rodeo and requested an \$8,000 sponsorship for the 2026 event. The Buffalo Pro Rodeo will move from September to March each year, with this year's dates set for March 20–21. A carnival and concert will be added. Cindy Port motioned that the board grant \$4,000 from Extra Projects and \$4,000 from Discretionary, Diane Ryder second. Unanimous vote.
- **2026 Downtown Revitalization** – Mike Anderson provided an update on downtown revitalization efforts, including conceptual façade sketches showing potential building improvements. The board supports the EDC moving forward with offering the grants.
- **PayCorp** – Mike Anderson informed the board of the difficulties with the Community National Bank accounts and QuickBooks. The board approved moving forward with PayCorp for payroll services.

Executive Director's Report – None

Adjourn Motion by Diane Ryder, second by Cindy Port to adjourn at 12:52 pm.