

**SHERMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ON DECEMBER 4, 2018
AT 7:30 AM**

A special called meeting of the Sherman Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was convened in the SEDCO Board Room at 307 W. Washington Street, Suite 102, Sherman, Texas on December 4, 2018, at 7:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Brad Douglass, Mr. Tom Shields, Mrs. Janie Bates, Mr. Scott Bandemir, Mrs. Gail Utter

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor David Plyler, Mr. Robby Hefton, Councilman Willie Steele, Dr. David Hicks

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Shawn Teamann

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Stacey Jones

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GUESTS PRESENT: Mr. Brandon Shelby, Mr. Terrence Steele, Mr. William Wadsack, Mr. Chris Strum, Mr. Kent Sharp

CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM DETERMINED, MEETING DECLARED OPEN, RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

Mr. Douglass, Chairman of the Sherman Economic Development Corporation, called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m., declared a quorum present, meeting declared open, and recognized guests. Mr. Douglass then opened up the floor for questions and recognized the search committee.

Mr. Sharp thanked the committee and gave a brief history of his career. He started out in Shamrock TX in 1991 and has been in Economic Development for 28 years. He has only worked in Texas because it's the best state and others are envious of us because we have the ability to control economic development. He and his wife have decided to work on quality of life and both love North Texas so this position felt right. Everything has worked out wonderfully. He stated that his goals and Sherman goals align. The economic projects here are very impressive both large and small. He feels this is a really good move at this time.

Mr. Hefton thanked the committee for the long hours and days and for getting the right person for Sherman.

Mrs. Bates stated that she knew and worked with Mr. Sharp while he was in Gainesville. When the search committee didn't find anyone initially, she asked them to contact Mr. Sharp. She is happy with the committee's selection.

Mrs. Utter asked Mr. Sharp, what is our biggest challenge? Mr. Sharp stated, it is the same as everyone out there, workforce is the top priority. Companies are looking to get outside major cities but you have to be able to fill that workforce. Sherman does the AMP and growing your own is the best formula. Sherman has a fantastic location.

Mrs. Bates asked Mr. Sharp; tell us what you will do for the first 30 days? Mr. Sharp replied; "Hand out a lot of business cards. Relationships are the most important thing. Meet the community and the community will meet you." He has reviewed the Program of Work and believes we can color that in some but does not want to change everything.

Mr. Sharp was asked if he knew the Denison economic guy. He replied; that he knows Tony real well but they are competitive, sort of a Friday Nights rivalry.

Mr. Sharp stated that he appreciates Sherman giving him the time to finish in Abilene and start here in January.

Mr. Steele stated that he was the one to takè them on the Sherman tour and that Mr. and Mrs. Sharp are truly a team.

Mr. Shields asked Mr. Sharp, what is the project in Abilene you are most proud of? Mr. Sharp stated, the entrepreneur effort, BE in Abilene, Building Entrepreneurs. It's directed at small companies that area Type A Projects, which eliminates a lot of retail. This program is designed for small start-up companies and expansion of small businesses. AbiMar Foods is another project that expanded from 120 to 650 jobs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Sherman Economic Development Corporation held an Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained in the following section:

Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters: To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

The open meeting recessed in executive session at 7:51 a.m.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING AND CONSIDER ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Douglass reconvened the open meeting at 8:03 a.m.

Mr. Douglass recommended the approval of Kent Sharp for SEDCO President.

Motion to approve Kent Sharp for SEDCO President was made by Mrs. Utter and seconded by Mr. Bandemir. Motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

No other business came before the SEDCO Board. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 a.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN AND BOARD SECRETARY

I, Brad Douglass, Chairman, and I, Janie Bates, Board Secretary, do certify that these minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the Sherman Economic Development Corporation of the City of Sherman, Texas are a true and correct record of the proceedings with Chapter 551, Govt. Code, V.T.C.S, Open Meetings Law.

ATTEST:



SEDCO CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



BOARD SECRETARY