

**WHARTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**Minutes Special Meeting**  
**April 2, 2018**

President Marshall Francis called the Meeting to order at 12:03 P.M.

Board Members Present: Marshall Francis, Bill Ansley and Freddie Pekar and Michael Wootton

Board Members Absent: Russell Machann, Judd Perry and Al Bryant

Advisory Members Present: Judge Phillip Spenrath, Mayor Tim Barker, City Manager Andres Garza Jr. and Billie Jones

Advisory Members Absent: Mark Castillo, Tina Herrington, Betty McCrohan, Kent Hill, Marilyn Sebesta and Ron Sanders

WEDC Attorney Audra Smith  
Not Present:

Visitors: Joan Andel, Aaron Farmer and Dicey Schaver

Staff Members Present: Chad Odom and Karen Heintschel

**Public Comments:** President Marshall Francis asked if there were any public comments. Advisory Committee Member Billie Jones said that the Oak Bend Advisory Board would be meeting at on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at the hospital. Director Freddie Pekar mentioned that the Boys and Girls Club of Boling would be hosting a crawfish boil on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There were no other public comments.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 19, 2018.** Director Bill Ansley made the motion to approve the minutes as presented with addition wording stating that Director Freddie Pekar seconded the motion to approve payment in the amount of \$5,742.50 to El Campo Memorial Hospital, as per the performance agreement executed in December 2017, for signage at its Wharton Walk-In-Clinic. All voted in favor. Director Freddie Pekar seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All voted in favor.

**Presentation by Aaron Farmer with The Retail Coach.** Mr. Farmer addressed the Board and outlined the scope of services provided by The Retail Coach. No action taken.

**Adjourn:** President Marshall Francis thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 1:50 P.M.

WHARTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marshall Francis, President

ATTEST : \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Wootton, Secretary (04.02.18)