

State of Texas
City of Junction
Economic Development Corporation

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* **Scheduled Meeting – Jan. 7, 2014**
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Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation met during the regular session at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014 in the City Hall Meeting Room with the following directors present:

Secretary/Treasurer: Larry Harrison

Directors: Carol Neiman, Alan Hartt, Polly Robinson and Fred Bowers

Board President Jean Jacoby and Vice-President Larry Maddux were absent. JTEDC Executive Director Patricia Whitty was present. Visitors included: Tom Arsuffi, Kirt Kundert and *Junction Eagle* Newspaper Reporter James Murr.

Secretary/Treasurer Larry Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and Alan Hartt gave the invocation. Director Fred Bowers arrived at the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Polly Robinson and seconded by Carol Neiman to accept the consent agenda items and financial reports as presented. After a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Director Bowers was not present during the discussion and approval of this agenda item.

PUBLIC FORUM: No one from the public spoke during this session of the meeting.

JTEDC ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION PROGRAM – KBK

CONSTRUCTION: A motion was made by Carol Neiman and seconded by Fred Bowers to award KBK Construction, located at 1005 Main St., up to \$2,500 for signage. After a vote, the motion was carried unanimously. Kirt Kundert, owner of KBK Construction, was present to answer any questions.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY-JUNCTION ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR

\$137,500 RESEARCH LAB: Dr. Tom Arsuffi, director of Texas Tech University – Junction’s field research station, presented the fifth and final annual report delineating the direct and indirect economic development impact of the \$137,500 research lab funded by the JTEDC in 2006. The annual report presentation was a requirement of the grant contract.

Arsuffi stated the JTEDC grant has brought in a total of approximately \$1.2 million to Junction and Kimble County. He also discussed additional grants obtained for the TTU-Junction campus and a plan emphasizing a trail program and approach for the future.

Arsuffi explained the Station’s diverse educational and research activities and answered questions from board members. He stated TTU-Junction will be hosting the Annual Meeting of the Texas Academy of Science in March 2016. Six hundred educators and scientists are expected to attend. The Station also hosted the Academy’s annual meeting in 2009.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY-JUNCTION ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR \$137,500 RESEARCH LAB (CONTINUED): At the conclusion of Arsuffi's presentation and discussion with board members, it was acknowledged that many in the community are not fully aware of the wide range of important activities taking place at the Texas Tech facilities in Junction, including plans for the future.

JUNCTION TEXAS TOURISM BOARD (JTTB): Director Alan Hartt, JTEDC's representative on the JTTB, provided a written report of the activities of the tourism board.

HOSPITALITY TRAINING FOR LOCAL MERCHANTS: Director Alan Hartt, brought up the subject of the JTEDC providing hospitality training in conjunction with the Junction Texas Tourism Board (JTTB) and Kimble County Chamber of Commerce for the employees of local businesses. Hartt also serves as the JTEDC's representative on the JTTB where this topic was initiated. Hart explained the training is a way to help make a community a more welcoming place for visitors, with the goal of helping to ensure return visits. After some discussion, the board concluded it could not provide financial assistance for such training based on a written legal opinion provided by City Attorney Melanie Spratt-Anderson. However, the Board decided it could help to coordinate with the JTTB and the Chamber of Commerce to facilitate such training.

2013-14 ANNUAL BOARD RETREAT: Whitty reminded the Board of its annual retreat scheduled to take place on Friday, January 31 inside the City Meeting Room. The Board is expected to deliberate its 2014 goals and priorities resulting in a one-page work plan.

TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SALES TAX TRAINING: Whitty provided the Board with an overview of what she learned at the recent state mandated sales tax training.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m. on Jan. 7, 2014.


Larry Harrison, Secretary/Treasurer