

North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD)

Meeting Minutes - April 27, 2018

North Central Texas Council of Governments | 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

1. Welcome and Introductions

EDD Chair, Marty Wieder, welcomed all in attendance and called the April 27, 2018 meeting of the North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) to order at 10:00 am. He asked everyone to make sure they signed in and to note their preferred method of contact (attendance attached).

2. Welcome New Board Member

The Board welcomed new member Michael Rondelli, Associate Vice President of Innovation and Commercialization at the University of North Texas.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously upon a motion by David Schleg and a second by Dr. James Quick.

4. Welcome Cornell Wesley - Economic Development Administration

Marty then welcomed Cornell Wesley from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). He is the Economic Development Representative for Oklahoma & North Texas. Mr. Wesley gave a brief overview of the main categories of grant types that EDA oversees. He said the top three are Economic Adjustment Assistance, Public Works, and Planning and Technical Assistance. He encouraged everyone to explore the STATS AMERICA website for ideas of the types of grant awards approved by the EDA. He also informed the Board about EDA's i6 Innovation Projects and the University Centers, a partnership with higher education. He also reminded the Board to make sure, should they plan to submit a grant application, that they first register with Grants.Gov before the actual submission of a grant application.

5. Discussion on and Recommendation to Increase Board Size by 8 – Amend Bylaws to reflect

The Board discussed various options to insure that all populations were fairly represented on the Board. After discussion, the Board came to a consensus on the changes and Lisa McMillan offered a motion to reflect the consensus, which was seconded by Jennette Killingsworth-Espinoza to restructure the population categories, as follows:

The Board recommends that the NCTCOG Executive Board amend the Bylaws to restructure the Population Categories for cities as follows:

- o 2 Seats Populations more than 500,000 (currently 2 seats for cities more than 350,000)
- o 2 Seats Populations between 200,000 & 500,000 (currently 2 seats between 200,000 and 350,000)
- o 2 Seats Populations between 100,000 and 200,000 (currently 2 seats)
- o 4 Seats Populations between 50,000 and 100,000 (currently 2 seats)
- o 4 Seats Populations between 25,000 and 50,000 (currently 2 seats)
- o 10 Seats Populations less than 25,000 (currently 6 seats)
- o 3 Seats Representatives from Private Sector (currently 2 seats)
- o 10 Seats Representatives from Principal Economic Interests (currently 9 seats)

6. Update on District Activities

Lucille Johnson briefed the Board on activities undertaken since the last meeting, including: the 360 Grassroots Farmstead Project; Project United, development of the City of Corsicana grant application, and her visits to Navarro and Wise Counties. She also explained that Marty had given talks about the District to the West Tarrant Alliance Economic Development Group and the DFW Marketing Team; she had talked to Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas.

Lucille told the Board that a CEDS Goals Report is upcoming and that she needs a list of economic development projects and project costs from around the region, including any of the following: Business Park Infrastructure Projects (roads, water, sewer, gas); Park Improvements; Industrial Parks; Manufacturing Companies; Incubators; Facility Expansions; Wastewater plants; and Airport Improvements. Lucille said she was also working with workforce Development to develop lists for progress of the goals.

7. Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs (PACE) and its impact on Economic Development – Scott Jones, City of Corsicana/Navarro County

NCTEDD Board Member, Scott Jones and Lori Clark from NCTCOG's Transportation Department, briefed the Board on the PACE program and its application and benefits in Economic Development. Lori Clark handed out a flyer explaining the program and information on a scheduled workshop that will be held on May 8, 2018 (attached).

8. Reminder to Submit In-Kind Worksheets

Marty reminded Board members to submit their in-kind worksheets and Lucille explained their importance to the grant process.

9. New Business

Marty explained that the Board has a need to look at their goals and recommended that the members look over the CEDS goals and objectives and report back what they believe should be the emphasis. He mentioned the possibility of creating task forces to develop reports on the progress of the goals.

10. Next Meeting Date

Marty informed the Board that the next scheduled NCTEDD Board meeting is July 27, 2018, but asked them to consider two alternate dates, August 10, 2018 and August 24, 2018. He explained that Lucille would not be available for the planned July 27, 2018 meeting for medical reasons. The Board agreed to move the next scheduled meeting to Friday, August 24, 2018. Marty also recommended the Board set a tentative date to meet to discuss the possible formation of task forces to focus on CEDS goals. That meeting was set for Friday, July 13, 2018.

11. Adjournment: Marty adjourned the Board at 11:45 am.

12. Orientation: Lucille conducted a Board member orientation for several members of the Board after the meeting adjourned.

I hereby certify that these minutes were approved by the North Central Texas Economic Development Board on _____, 2018.

Kassandra Carroll, CECD
Secretary-Treasurer, North Central Texas Economic Development District Board
Economic Development Coordinator, City of Waxahachie

Attachments:

Attendance
PACE