

**April 2016 Meeting Minutes**  
**Greater Nocona Area Economic Development Corporation (Type A) &**  
**Nocona Municipal Economic Development Corporation (Type B)**  
**at the Tales and Trails Museum April 5th, 2016**

**Agenda items:**

**I. Roll call and call to order: Type A & Type B – Confirm Quorum for Type A & Type B**

Type A Board Vice President Chance Dinger called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. Also present were Tracey O’Neal and Tyler Thomas.

Type B Board President Phil Staley called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. Also present were Brandi Shipman, Bob Herndon and Sandra Reynolds.

Also present were Todd Peterson, owner of Peterson Photography, and Randy Duckworth, Nocona Chamber of Commerce executive director.

**a. Approval of Type A and Type B March meeting minutes**

Both Boards approved the March minutes as written.

**b. Acceptance of February Type A & Type B financials**

Both Boards accepted the February financials.

**The Public Hearings opened at 12:06 pm**

**II. INDIAN OAKS GOLF COURSE PUBLIC HEARING**

The director noted the Type B Board placed the proposal on the 60-day clock last month and the City Council approved the Type A Board participation in this Type B project at its March meeting (sports facilities).

This year the Golf Committee is requesting 6 cart battery sets at \$667 each, totaling \$4,002 and the Zeolite is \$6,800. The entire new proposal is for \$10,802 (\$5,401 each Board).

**III. NOCONA SENIOR CENTER PUBLIC HEARING**

The director again noted the Type B Board placed the proposal on the 60-day clock last month and the City Council approved the Type A Board participation in this Type B project at its March meeting (quality of life).

Their request is for a grant of \$5,000 (\$2,500 per Board) for the Nocona Carpenter Shop/Senior Citizens’ Center to help with major roof, chimney and ceiling damage. As Ms. Culpepper, Carpenter Shop executive director explained last month the total cost for the project was bid at \$31,450.

**The Public Hearings closed at 12:10 pm with no negative comments**

**IV. NOCONA SUMMER CAMP PROPOSAL**

The director explained that through Peterson Photography, Rob Norman and Todd Peterson will be conducting technology summer camps at Nocona in July 2016. They are seeking \$1,500 seed money to conduct two (2) separate week-long camps this summer. The funds will be used for advertising and promotion of the camps. These camps will be geared toward Middle School and High School students that are interested in either Moviemaking or Photography. This is expected to be a one-time request with the proceeds helping the programs become self-sufficient.

**Since the request involved expanding a local business, Peterson Photography, and time was of the essence, the Type A Board approved the amount and requested staff place it on the April City Council agenda for authority to expend the funds.**

## **V. BUSINESS RECRUITMENT PROPOSAL**

The director said that Nocona has been visited by a polypropylene pipe extruding company in Gainesville. Although there has been previous conversations with other Nocona leadership, this was their first visit to Nocona. They have 100 employees, 30 of which are from Montague County. They are considering the Nocona Boot Company building on Hwy 82, although they have not visited it, only have seen photos. City Manager Lynn Henley is gathering information about purchasing the building. They also do most of their shipping by rail, which would mean transporting to and from Bowie, although the director is also researching availability of a Ringgold spur.

**The Boards requested staff continue in conversation with the company and schedule a date and time to view the building.**

## **VI. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SUMMER INTERN**

The director explained that it's time again for the Texas Department of Agriculture Intern Program requests. This year we are submitting a request for assistance with developing and implementation of the "Leather Experience" venue. Nocona has participated in the TDA program for several years with many beneficial results. It costs a small stipend (\$1,000) along with room and board for the intern.

**The Boards agreed to again participate in this year's program and requested staff place it on the April City Council Agenda to expend the funds.**

## **VII. Staff Updates and Travel**

### **a. Fiber Optic Network Project Update**

The RFP is awaiting major suppliers' information from the Governor's staff to include in the distribution. The information was promised earlier and the director has followed up, so hopefully it will be available shortly.

### **b. Lemonade Day Project Update**

Things are progressing. The competitive contests have been moved to May 6, since there is a major agricultural competition in San Antonio, April 30 and many students are doing both.

### **c. Big Rural Brainstorm Update**

This was a really outstanding conference and much different from anything the director had attended. These were rural communities coming together to solve their own challenges. There was no Kansas or federal governmental agencies leading the sessions or discussions. Instead these local leaders aimed for their own solutions and activities. The director especially liked one of the slogans, "Rural by Choice" and will bring the information up at the ARCIT conference later in the month.

### **d. MSU SBDC Tech to Look Out For, April 13, Wichita Falls**

The director will attend

### **e. Leadership Montague County, Social Services, April 14**

### **f. Association of Rural Communities in Texas Annual Meeting, April 21, Brenham**

The director will attend.

### **g. Director Vacation April 22 – May 1**

### **h. Texas Department of Agriculture Capital of Small Business Forum, May 5, Austin**

TDA is unveiling a new financing program for rural small businesses

### **i. Sales Tax Training, May 20, Waco**

Awaiting confirmation from newer Board members.

**VIII. Items of community interest**

- April 9 Nocona Nights with Jason Roberts
- April 9 Brother Sharp at the V
- April 16 Acoustic Jam and Potluck at Senior Citizens Center
- April 16 Treva Jo at the V
- April 23 Lucky Paws Brunch and Benefit
- April 23-24 Short Porch Battle of the Bats
- April 23 Youth Rodeo

**IX. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm