

March 2016 Meeting Minutes
Greater Nocona Area Economic Development Corporation (Type A) &
Nocona Municipal Economic Development Corporation (Type B)
at the Tales and Trails Museum March 1st, 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 Dingler called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. Also present were Tracey O’Neal, Yesika Rodriguez and Tyler Thomas.

Type B Board President Phil Staley called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. Also present were Brandi Shipman, Don Davis, Dan Fenoglio and Bob Herndon.

Also present were Zachary Renfro; Heath Heller, Nocona Indian Oaks Golf Committee member; and Donna Culpepper, executive director Nocona Senior Center.

a. Approval of Type A and Type B February meeting minutes

Both Boards approved the February minutes as written.

b. Acceptance of January Type A & Type B financials

Both Boards accepted the January financials.

II. 210 CLAY STREET RENOVATIONS PROJECT

The Type B Board had placed the proposal for a \$25,000 10-year, 2% interest loan on the 60-day clock in January. Mr. Renfro provide a representation of what the exterior of the building would look like at the Public Hearing last month. If approved, monies will need to be transferred from the Legend General Fund Account to the Revolving Loan Fund Account, thus requiring City Council approval to expend new funds.

The Type B Board approved the project and requested staff place it on the City Council agenda for approval to expend the funds.

III. INDIAN OAKS GOLF COURSE PROPOSAL

Heath Heller, representing the golf committee, reminded Board members of the March 2014 assistance with a new greens mower. The mower cost \$30,000, split 50 – 50 with the golf course over three years, amounting to \$5,000 per year for three years; this is the final payment of \$2,500 each (\$5,000 total) from both the Type A and Type B Board. Additionally this year the committee is also 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).

The Type B Board placed the proposal on the 60-day clock and the Type A Board requested staff place it on the City Council agenda to approve participation in a Type B project (sports facilities).

IV. NOCONA SENIOR CENTER PROPOSAL

The director introduced Donna Culpepper, Nocona Senior Center executive director, and she explained their request 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. Ms. Culpepper explained noted the total cost for the project was bid at \$31,450. The Center had submitted grant requests to the Priddy Foundation and the Cooke County Electric Co-op Foundation and others and had been approved for some funds and are awaiting results from others. She also solicited individual Board members to help purchase some of the ceiling tiles for the project.

The Type B Board placed the proposal on the 60-day clock and the Type A Board requested staff

place the proposal on the City Council agenda to approve participation in a Type B project (quality of life).

V. BUSINESS OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS AND AWARD

The director noted the Chamber Banquet is later this month, so it's time to determine the business award recipient. The Boards determined they would vote to select a business this year and determine who it would be.

The Boards directed staff to make arrangements for the ceremony and award.

VI. Staff Updates and Travel

a. Fiber Optic Network Project Update

The director explained he had just returned from a financial workshop, which might provide opportunities for funding the project. Once funding is developed the RFP for creating and running the circuit will be completed and sent to possible carriers.

b. Lemonade Day Project Update

Thirty-four students have signed up for the project, according to the director. On-line registration was available starting Feb. 22 and materials will be passed out March 5 from 10 am to noon at the Nocona Community Center. Competitions for best recipe and best stand drawing will be set for a different date, since some students are competing in San Antonio April 30. The competition will be May 21, which happens to also be Bullfest this year.

c. Nocona ISD School Bond

The Nocona ISD School Board has called for a school bond of \$15+ million in May. As respected leaders in the community it is important that there is a consistent message from the Nocona EDCs.

The Boards determined to take a particular political stand on the bond, but respond that the Nocona EDCs are always working towards the successful growth of Nocona.

d. Dallas/Fort Worth Area Tourism Council Annual Meeting, March 3

The director is unable to attend, but the Nocona Chamber of Commerce executive director and Nell Ann McBroom will attend.

e. Leadership Montague County Training Workshop, March 3-4

The director will be attending since he is on the LMC Board.

f. Big Rural Brainstorm, March 7, Newton Kansas

Since the registration is only \$50, and Kansas has some valuable ideas for making rural communities sustainable, the director will be attending.

g. Leadership Montague County Tourism and Heritage Class, March 11

h. TexasOne SXSW Tech Forum, March 12, Governor's Mansion, Austin

The director will be attending again this year. There is no cost for the event and he has found reasonable hotel accommodations, even though it is SXSW.

i. NCTC Starlite Gala, April 2, Gainesville

VII. Items of community interest

March 5	Nocona Nights with Larry Joe Taylor
March 5-6	All-American Gold Glove Classic
March 6	Nocona Nights Live Red Dirt Road Show
March 12	Montague County Mayhem Tournament

March 19 St. Patty's Day Party at the V
Community Easter Egg Hunt
Acoustic Jam and Potluck at Senior Citizens Center
March 24 89th Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet

VIII. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.