

SLATON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SEDCO BOARD ROOM
June 12, 2025

THOSE PRESENT: Clif Shaw, Joe Janick, Nancy Norman, Carlos Garcia, Jason Corley, Paula Bibbs-Samuels, Wade Willson, Melissa McCaghren, and Lezlee Harlan.

1. Open – Clif Shaw called the meeting at 12:02 pm in the SEDCO Office Building.
2. Invocation – Paula Bibbs-Samuels offered the invocation.
3. Abstention and Conflicts of Interest – None
4. May 22, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes – Joe Janick made a motion to accept the May 22, 2025 special meeting minutes as presented. Carlos Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Financial Statement and Monthly Bills – Joe Janick made the motion to accept financial statements and monthly bills as presented. Nancy Norman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Comments from the Public – Limited to 5 minutes – none
7. Director and or Presidents Report:
 - a. Discuss update on Downtown Strategies strategic plan for Slaton – Lezlee Harlan gave an update on Downtown Strategies strategic plan reminding to encourage the community to complete the survey to gather necessary data to revitalize and energize interest back to Slaton’s Downtown. We will have a meetings with businesses and Slaton citizens on the information gathered August 6, 2025, at 6:00pm at City Hall.
 - b. Discuss the engineering study or architectural review of the SEDCO property at 165 W Lubbock Street – Lezlee Harlan, Wade Willson, and Clif Shaw met with the engineer to study the building last week but hasn’t received the formal report from the study yet.
 - c. Update on The Retail Coach progress for retail recruitment in Slaton – Lezlee Harlan let the Board review the information sent from The Retail Coach and will be meeting with Kaleb Wilson the week of July 9th-11th to survey the area.
 - d. Discuss using Placer AI as a tool for SEDCO – Lezlee Harlan gave the update from the demonstration given from Placer AI showing it to be an amazing economic development tool, but she explained the need to get everything in place with the strategic plan before having the need to utilize this tools’ potential. She wants to revisit this economic development tool at a later time.
 - e. Prospective new businesses – There is a potential new business for downtown.
8. Executive Session:

An Executive Session may be held under the Provisions of Texas Government Code Section, 551.071; 551.072; 551.073; 551.074; 551.086

 - a. Section 551.073 – Deliberations regarding gifts and donations – Building Donated for Project 2024-25-5
 - b. Section 551.074 – Deliberate personnel matters – 6-month Review of Executive Director
The Board went into Executive Session at 12:53 pm regarding Sections 551.073 and 551.074
The Board came out of Executive Session at 1:43 pm. No action was taken during Executive Session.
Any action as a result of this Executive Session will be made in open session.
Clif Shaw announced, it is now 1:44 pm, we are back in open session.
9. Discuss and Consider any Action to be Taken After Executive Session
 - a. Section 551.073 – Deliberate regarding economic development negotiations – Building Donated for Project 2024-25-5 – No action taken.
 - b. Section 551.074 – Deliberate personnel matters – 6-month Review of Executive Director – Joe Janick made the motion to raise Lezlee Harlan’s salary to grade 10 step 22 to \$55,889.60 after her 6-month review by the Board. Paula Bibbs-Samuels seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
10. Adjournment – 1:45 pm

Slaton Economic Development Corporation, Type B

By: _____
Clif Shaw, President

ATTEST:

By: _____
Joe Janick, Vice President