

SLATON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SEDCO BOARD ROOM
August 21, 2025

THOSE PRESENT: Clif Shaw, Joe Janick, Nancy Norman, Jason Corley, Paula Bibbs-Samuels, Ryan Buxkemper, Monique Ruiz, 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 – Nancy Norman offered the invocation.
3. Abstention and Conflicts of Interest – None
4. July 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes – Joe Janick made a motion to accept the July 17, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented with corrections. Nancy Norman 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. Paula Bibbs-Samuels seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Comments from the Public – Limited to 5 minutes – Monique Ruiz thanked Lezlee Harlan for the hard work she is putting in to economic development for the community and that she recognizes that change can't happen over night.
7. Public Hearing: Public Hearing opened at 12:08 pm. Public Hearing closed at 12:10 pm.
Texas 1809, 154 S 8th Street, Slaton Texas – Project in the amount of up to \$10,000.00 for an Equipment Incentive – No public comments were made.
8. Director and or Presidents Report:
 - a. Discuss consider, and take action about using Nomiss Communications to promote Small Town Christmas – Nancy Norman made a motion to spend up to \$1,500.00 for Nomiss Communications to promote Small Town Christmas. Joe Janick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Discuss August 6th meeting with Jeremy Murdock of Downtown Strategies and community/business input members – Lezlee Harlan reported that we had over 30 people participate in the input session and that positive things came out of it. She would schedule another meeting in mid-September to keep the constructive momentum rolling.
 - c. Discuss, consider, and take action on a sponsorship for the 2025 Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet – Ryan Buxkemper made the motion to pay a premium sponsorship package for the 2025 Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet. Nancy Norman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Discuss the engineering study or architectural review of the SEDCO property at 165 W Lubbock Street – Lezlee Harlan reported the study came back with mixed news about the roof of the property located at 165 W Lubbock Street. Decisions about the building will dictate what repair will be needed for the roof. Jacob Martin engineers are working to give us an idea of costs to replace the roof.
 - e. Update on The Retail Coach progress for retail recruitment in Slaton – Lezlee Harlan gave the update from The Retail Coach and wants them to also be looking to bring a hotel into Slaton. She will be attending a retail event with them on September 4th in Austin to reach out to retailers specifically for our area.
 - f. Prospective new businesses – Zarate Detailing and Tire has officially opened on 9th Street.
9. 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 – Deliberate regarding gifts and donations – Building Donated for Project 2024-25-5
The Board went into Executive Session at 1:10 pm regarding Sections 551.073
The Board came out of Executive Session at 1:45 pm. No action was taken during Executive Session.
Any action as a result of this Executive Session will be made in open session.
10. Discuss and Consider any Action to be Taken After Executive Session
 - a. Section 551.073 – Deliberate regarding gifts and donations – Building Donated for Project 2024-2025-5 – Joe Janick made a motion to use funds available after October 1, 2025 for demolition of the property located at 125 W Lubbock Street donated by the City of Slaton for an economic development project. Nancy Norman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
11. Adjournment – 1:46 pm

Slaton Economic Development Corporation, Type B

By: _____
Clif Shaw, President

ATTEST:

By: _____
Joe Janick, Vice President