

THOSE PRESENT: Joe Janick, Clif Shaw, Nancy Norman, Danielle Talkmitt, Shannon Taliaferro, Adam Behnke, Joy Sims, Monique Ruiz, Wade Willson, Melissa McCaghren, and Lezlee Harlan.

1. Open – Joe Janick called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm in the SEDCO Office Building.
2. Invocation – Nancy Norman offered the invocation.
3. Abstention and Conflicts of Interest – None
4. January 15, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes – Clif Shaw made a motion to accept the January 15, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. Nancy Norman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Shannon Taliaferro abstaining from voting since she wasn't involved in the previous meeting.
5. Financial Statement and Monthly Bills – Nancy Norman made the motion to accept financial statements and monthly bills as presented. Danielle Talkmitt 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, consider, and take action on renewal of BrickStreet Thrift's contract with SEDCO at 118 W Garza Street for 2026 – Clif Shaw made a motion to approve the renewal of the contract with BrickStreet Thrift with the addition of requiring the owner to meet with Leading EDG at least once a quarter throughout the year. Nancy Norman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Discuss, consider, and take action on renewal contract with The Retail Coach – Danielle Talkmitt made the motion to renew the contract with The Retail Coach for another year at \$15,000.00. Nancy Norman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Explain requirements and sign confidentiality agreement with new board members – Lezlee Harlan went over the confidentiality agreement with all the Board members and had everyone sign the agreement to keep on file.
 - d. Update on Bloom and Grow Marketing for assisting SEDCO with monthly promotional information – Lezlee Harlan showed everyone posts on social media that Mallory Lee had created and told of her sharing and progress to promote SEDCO and Slaton.
 - e. Update on The Retail Coach progress for retail recruitment in Slaton – Lezlee Harlan reminded the Board about potential changes for business management for the Slaton Plaza.
 - f. Prospective new businesses – none known
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 551.086 – Deliberate regarding economic development negotiations – Project 2025-26-4
 - b. Section 551.086 – Deliberate regarding economic development negotiations – Project 2025-26-5
 - c. Section 551.072 – Deliberate the purchase or sale of real property

The Board went into Executive Session at 12:18 pm regarding Sections 551.072.
The Board came out of Executive Session at 1:16 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 551.086 – Deliberate regarding economic development negotiations – Project 2025-26-4 – Nancy Norman made the motion to approve up to \$18,700.00 for a building construction grant for The Combine. Clif Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Section 551.086 – Deliberate regarding economic development negotiations – Project 2025-26-5 – Danielle Talkmitt made the motion to approve up to \$14,027.00 for an equipment grant for JJ's Café. Clif Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Section 551.072 – Deliberate the purchase or sale of real property – Clif Shaw made the motion to approve Lezlee Harlan to have surveys on potential properties that SEDCO might be interested in purchasing in the future. Danielle Talkmitt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
11. Adjournment – 1:18 pm

Slaton Economic Development Corporation, Type B

By: _____
Joe Janick, President

ATTEST:

By: _____
Clif Shaw, Secretary/Treasurer