

THOSE PRESENT: Clif Shaw, Nancy Norman, Carlos Garcia, Danielle Talkmitt, Shannon Taliaferro, Justin Diver, Wade Willson, Melissa McCaghren, and Lezlee Harlan.

1. Open – Clif Shaw 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 – Danielle Talkmitt filed an affidavit claiming abstention and conflict of interest from Project 2025-26-6 found in 8. a. of Executive Session with the SEDCO Secretary, Clif Shaw, and City of Slaton Secretary, Pam King.
4. March 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes – Nancy Norman made a motion to accept the March 19, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. Carlos Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
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 – Melissa McCaghren of the Slatonite reported she has a new Advertising Director, Virginia Paez, which will be in charge of gaining and creating promotional ads for the newspaper.
7. Director and or Presidents Report:
 - a. Update on Bickerstaff Law rate changes – Lezlee Harlan explained that the rate per hour for legal fees would be increasing \$20 per hour to \$325.00, but stated that the rate had not changed since we hired them four years ago.
 - b. Update on The Retail Coach progress for retail recruitment in Slaton – Lezlee Harlan provided the Board with an update on potential growth for retail recruitment for Slaton.
 - c. Prospective new businesses – The businesses on the Slaton Square are having the Farmers Markets Sundays again. The first one of the season was April 11th with a great turnout. They are expected to continue on the second and fourth Sundays of each month throughout early fall.
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 2025-26-6
 - b. Section 551.086 – Deliberate regarding economic development negotiations
 - c. Section 551.072 – Deliberate the purchase or sale of real property
 - d. Section 551.072 – Deliberate the purchase or sale of real property
 - e. Section 551.072 – Deliberate the purchase or sale of real property

The Board went into Executive Session at 12:13 pm regarding Sections 551.072.
The Board came out of Executive Session at 12:58 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 2025-26-6 – Carlos Garcia made the motion to approve up to \$10,000.00 for a building construction grant for Heirloom Flowers and Goods. Nancy Norman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Board Member, Danielle Talkmitt, abstaining from voting due to her conflict of interest affidavit.
 - b. Section 551.086 – Deliberate regarding economic development negotiations – No Action
 - c. Section 551.072 – Deliberate the purchase or sale of real property – Carlos Garcia made the motion to accept Resolution 2026-2 to allow Lezlee Harlan to negotiate and execute the sale of Slaton Economic Development Corporation property located at 125 N 8th Street for \$35,000.00, a fair market value rate to Justin Diver for business growth and expansion. Shannon Taliaferro seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Section 551.072 – Deliberate the purchase or sale of real property – Carlos Garcia made the motion to accept Resolution 2026-3 to allow Lezlee Harlan to negotiate and execute the purchase of approximately 28.939 acres of Caldwell Trust Property located at County Clerk File No. 2008045641, “Tract 5” of the Official Public Records of Lubbock County Texas, located in the West Half of Section 47, Block S, G. C. & S. F. Railroad Company Survey, Lubbock County Texas using unrestricted funds. Danielle Talkmitt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Section 551.072 – Deliberate the purchase or sale of real property – Danielle Talkmitt made the motion to approve the sale of real property accepted from the City of Slaton located at 995 S Oklahoma Street for \$1,000.00 to Donny Smith. Shannon Taliaferro seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
11. Adjournment – 1:02 pm

Slaton Economic Development Corporation, Type B

By: _____
Clif Shaw, Secretary

ATTEST:

By: _____
Nancy Norman, Board Member