

**GLADEWATER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021**  
**4:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Bardwell, Mark Carpenter, Luke Kimbrough, John Paul Tallent, Laura Talley, Ricky Tow (City Manager and Interim GEDCO Director), and Amanda Nobles (Consultant)

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Jim Bardwell at 4:00 p.m.
2. CITIZENS COMMENTS: Elaine Roddy thanked the City and others who volunteered during the time of the snow and water outage.
3. ACCEPTANCE of February 24, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes: Luke Kimbrough made a motion to accept the Minutes as printed. John Paul Tallent seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
4. ACCEPTANCE of February 2021 Accountant's Compilation reports: John Paul Tallent made a motion to accept the financial report for February 2021.
5. CONSIDERATION and possible action on checks written over \$2,000.00: Request check approval for \$3,750.00 payable to the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce for January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021 quarterly business retention program. Mark Carpenter suggested that checks be written and presented at the monthly board meeting for approval and signatures. GEDCO is waiting on verification of invoice for the bore job at the corner of Loop 485 and Hwy. 271 South. The check will be written when verification is received.
6. CONSIDERATION and possible action on purchasing analytical data software from Impact Data Source: Laura Talley made a motion to purchase the data software from Impact Data Source for \$4,000.00 a year with the option to review the value to GEDCO at the end of the year. Mark Carpenter seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
7. UPDATE, CONSIDERATION and possible action on bid(s) for repairs to downtown red brick streets and light poles: One bid of \$16,110 to repair the brick streets was received from Seasonal Landscaping, Longview, Texas. John Paul made a motion to accept the bid from Seasonal Landscaping to repair the brick streets. Jim Bardwell seconded. Motion carried 4-1.
8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Convene into Executive Session in compliance with Section 551.087 of the Local Government Code to discuss economic development incentives related to:
  - a) Sec. 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to discuss economic development incentives related to project LL

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- b) Sec. 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to discuss economic development incentives related to project GE
  - c) Sec. 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to discuss economic development incentives related to performance agreements and contracts
9. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION and take any action necessary regarding Section 551.087 of the Local Government Code concerning economic development. The Board reconvened into Open Session at 5:01 p.m. No action was taken.
  10. CONSIDERATION of items for placement on future agenda: East Texas Council of Government plans to come and speak to GEDCO on April 21, 2021; Red Rock infrastructure; May election; and Gladewater Round Up Rodeo publicity.
  11. Mark Carpenter made a motion to adjourn. Luke Kimbrough seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m..

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Laura Talley, GEDCO Secretary/Treasurer