



## MINUTES

The Board of Directors of TexAmericas Center met to conduct business at 11 Chapel Lane, Suite B, New Boston, TX 75570 on April 23, 2024.

1. The Directors and public began to assemble at 11:30 a.m. while lunch was served.
2. The Reflection and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Scott Norton and Jim Roberts.
3. Jim Roberts, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m., certifying that the meeting was properly posted, being held in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and that a quorum was present.

4. **Directors in Attendance were:**

Jim Roberts	Justin Powell	Denis Washington	Ben King
Jimmy Howell	Robert Irwin	Dan Boyles	Kevin Avery
Ron Collins	Craig McDuffie	Robbin Bass	

**Directors Absent were:**

Tim Ketchum	Marc Reiter	Steven Seals	Fred Meisenheimer
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**Staff and Others in Attendance were:**


Scott Norton	Marla Byrd	Eric Voyles	Jeff Whitten
Andrew Hill	John Sesler	Holly Sleek	Wes Jordan Jordan Law Firm
Cody Tilley Thomas & Thomas PLLC	Maddie Warren Thomas & Thomas PLLC	Chris Spencer Candidate for State Rep. (TX) Visitor	Gabe Tarr Visitor

5. Jim Roberts called for Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items. Comments are limited to five minutes. None noted.
6. Jim Roberts called for Public Comments for Agenda Items. Comments are limited to five minutes. None noted.
7. Jim Roberts called for reports from the standing Committees of TexAmericas Center. Committees that met since the last board meeting were:
  - a. Investment/Finance  
Audit presentation on this agenda.

8. A motion was made by Dan Boyles and seconded by Ron Collins to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Those items were:
  - a. Approved Minutes of Board Meeting from March 26, 2024.
  - b. Approved Check Book Register and Deposit Summary from March 17, 2024– April 15, 2024.
9. Kyle Dooley, Executive Director/CEO of Riverbend Water Resources District was not present; therefore, there was no report regarding regional water.
10. Cody Tilley with Thomas and Thomas PLLC presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Auditor's Report. Considered and took action upon **Resolution #20240423-01 accepting the Fiscal Year 2023 Auditor's Report**. A motion was made by Ron Collins and seconded by Justin Powell. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
11. Staff Reports:
  - a. Scott Norton provided the Executive Director/CEO Report, specifically giving an update on all of the insurance policies after the renewal process.
  - b. Eric Voyles provided the Executive Vice President/CEDO Report.
  - c. Jeff Whitten provided the Executive Vice President/COO Report.
  - d. John Sesler provided the Vice President of Logistics Report.
  - e. Andrew Hill provided the Vice President of Finance Report.
  - f. John Sesler provided the General Manager of Railroad and Transload Ops Report.
12. A motion was made by Ben King and seconded by Justin Powell to adjourn to Executive Session at 12:54 p.m. pursuant to the following Sections. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
  - a. Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; Consultation with attorney regarding legal issues relating to pending or contemplated litigation.
  - b. Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; Deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
  - c. Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; Personnel Matters.
  - d. Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code; Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations.
13. A motion was made by Ben King and seconded by Justin Powell to reconvene in Open Session at 1:08 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Denis Washington and seconded by Justin Powell to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**The above and foregoing minutes of the TexAmericas Center Board of Directors meeting, April 23, 2024 were read and approved on May 28, 2024.**



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Justin Powell, Secretary