

**Minutes**

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021 AT 11:00 A.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER 11:09 AM**
- 2. ROLL CALL**

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Patrick Scherden	X	
Joey Barreras	X	
Florencio Lopez	X	
Hector Quijada	X	
Robert Fernandez	X	
Ida Pedrego	X	
Lawanna Diffie	X	

**Also Present:** Damian Dorame, Chanse Frenette, Luis Pedroza, Councilmember Jose Grijalva

- 3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**  
None

**4. DISCUSSION/DECISION ON APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2020, MARCH 17, 2020, JULY 14, 2020, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020, OCTOBER 6, 2020 AND MARCH 9, 2021**

**Motion** by Florencio Lopez, **second** by Ida Pedrego to approve consent agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously.

**5. DISCUSSION/DECISION ON FUNDING REQUEST BY DR. JONATHAN MELK FROM CHIRICAHUA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, INC. DENTAL SERVICES**

Patrick Scherden summarized details of request and bidding rules. Listed local contractors that bid on the project and were accepted. Hector Quijada asked about grant funding for x-ray machine. Patrick Scherden explained that he told clinic no on grant funding for x-ray machine. Florencio Lopez explained about second project that the clinic is undertaking. Ida Pedrego stated that project should be supported to give community the services needed in Douglas rather than be sent out of town. Florencio Lopez supported Ida's position but asked that the board wait to find out if clinic will do anything for the community outside of business services. Florencio Lopez suggested that the IDA be billed for the x-ray machine and IDA pay for the machine directly to know that the money granted is actually going to the equipment purchase.

**Motion** by Ida Pedrego, **second** by Florencio Lopez to grant funds to purchase x-ray machine with condition that IDA board get billed directly and pay up to \$22,000.

Motion passed unanimously.

**6. DISCUSSION/DECISION ON FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE VIETNAM WALL – TABLED AT THE MARCH MEETING**

**Motion** by Hector Quijada, **second** by Joey Barreras to un-table topic. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion** by Ida Pedrego, **second** by Lawanna Diffie to reject funding request for the Vietnam Wall Repollica.

Motion passed unanimously.

**7. DISCUSSION/DECISION ON GRANTS FOR THE FUTURE: CHANSE FRENETTE, GRANTS COORDINATOR, CITY OF DOUGLAS**

Chanse Frenette introduced himself to the IDA board. Chanse provided updates on grants the city is working on. Provided updates on city activities.

No action taken.

**8. DISCUSSION/DECISION ON FUNDING TO THE D.R.E.D.C FOR RAMIREZ ADVISORS, LLC FOR FY 2021/2022**

Hector Quijada asked how much the IDA is paying. Patrick Scherden verified the IDA pays \$2,156 per month. Florencio Lopez provided background on the request. Patrick Scherden explained how the IDA first started funding for consulting services. Patrick Scherden explained that the IDA was only supposed to pay for a year this fiscal but has gone over the year. Hector Quijada asked if the city can refund the overpayment; Patrick Scherden responded no. Robert Fernandez recalled that the city requested funding from IDA because the city wanted to contract lobbying services. Interim City Manager Luis Pedroza spoke on the need to partner with IDA to fund Ramirez Advisors. Robert Fernandez stated that he agrees Mr. Ramirez is needed but is not sure if it is IDA's position to fund the services. Robert Fernandez also stated that city council has not approached the IDA to ask for their partnership on the port of entry efforts. Councilmember Jose Grijalva spoke on the matter.

Item was placed on hold for following meeting.

**9. DISCUSSION/DECISION ON MEETINGS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Ida Pedrego proposed that the board designate a day of the month to hold meetings so that meeting dates are on the everyone's calendar. Ida Pedrego suggested to schedule meetings the second Tuesday of every month for consistency.

No action taken.

**10. NEXT MEETING TO TAKE ACTIONS ON ANY PROPOSALS – MAY 11, 2021 AT 11:00 AM**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Joey Barreras, **second** by Patrick Scherden to adjourn meeting. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 PM

Prepared by: Damian Dorame, Assistant to the City Manager