



**Development District of Central Texas  
Board of Directors**

Central Texas Council of Governments  
2180 North Main Street, Belton, Texas 76513

**Thursday, October 8, 2020—9:30am**

**Board Members Present:**

Mark Allyn: Bell County  
Bobby Whitson: Bell County  
Kara Clore: Milam County  
Cynthia Hernandez: Bell County  
Dean Roome: Bell County

**Others Present:**

Kendra Coufal: CTCOG  
Helen Owens: CTCOG  
Anna Barge: CTCOG  
Uryan Nelson: CTCOG  
Robert Peche: Economic Development Administration  
Kate Stanford: Office of the Governor  
Betty Russo: Office of the Governor

**MINUTES**

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**1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Kara Clore, Chair of the Board at 9:32am. A quorum was present.

**2. Public Comments.** There were no Public Comments.

**3. Staff Updates.**

Helen Owens gave an update about CTCOG activities, technical assistance for regional CARES ACT funding, the end of the FY18-20 grant cycle and review of the next 3-year grant cycle application, Leadership Central Texas, and asked for any economic development activity presentation recommendations.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action Item:** Review minutes from the July 9, 2020 Board Meeting and take possible action.

Bobby Whitson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Cynthia Hernandez; the motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding election of new officers for FY21.

There were no nominations or volunteers for new FY21 officers, therefore the Board discussed current officers maintaining positions with Kara Clore as Chair, Cynthia Hernandez as Vice-Chair, and Bobby Whitson as Secretary/Treasurer.

Bobby Whitson made a motion to approve the FY21 officers, seconded by Kara Clore; the motion passed unanimously.

**6. Discussion Item:** Update on the 2020 Leadership Central Texas Program.

Helen Owens updated the board that the 2020 Leadership Central Texas Program ended on September 17, 2020 and graduation will be held on October 22, 2020. There will be 9 graduating participants.

**7. Discussion Item:** Update from the Office of the Governor.

Betty Russo and Kate Stanford, from the Office of the Governor, gave an update on COVID-19 programs and the Governor's Small Business resources.

**8. Discussion Item:** Update from the Economic Development Administration.

Robert Peche, from the Economic Development Administration, gave an update on the remaining CARES Act funds and other EDA grant opportunities.

**9. Discussion Item:** Update on Regional Broadband Initiatives.

Anna Barge provided an update on various broadband initiatives and opportunities for the region. She invited the Board to join a call with Representative Hugh Shine and the Texas Telephone Association to give a presentation to CTCOG on broadband access.

**10. Discussion Item:** Other funding opportunities.

Helen Owens discussed and provided information on various funding opportunities from state and federal agencies. CTCOG is available to assist with grants, if needed.

**11. Board of Directors' Comments:**

**12. Discuss agenda items for next meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 9:30am.**

**13. Adjourned at 10:54am.**

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Cynthia Hernandez, DDCT Vice-Chair

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Uryan Nelson, Planning Director