



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

Central Texas Council of Governments
2180 North Main Street, Belton, Texas 76513
Thursday, January 7, 2021—9:30am

Board Members Present:

Ginger Watkins: Milam County
Cynthia Hernandez: Bell County
Dean Roome: Bell County

Others Present:

Kendra Coufal: CTCOG
Helen Owens: CTCOG
Anna Barge: CTCOG
Uryan Nelson: CTCOG
Ken Wilkerson: City of Killeen
Charley Ayers: Workforce Solutions of Central Texas

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Cynthia Hernandez, Vice-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 October 8, 2020 Board Meeting and take possible action.

Cynthia Hernandez, Vice-Chair, and other board members decided to table this item for the April 8, 2021 meeting.
- 5. Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding the Election of New Chairman and Other Officers as needed for FY21.

This item was moved to end of the agenda so the new members could have a vote. Kara Clore will no longer serve as Chair. Ginger Watkins volunteered to be the new Chair of the board for FY21. Cynthia Hernandez as Vice-Chair, and Bobby Whitson as Secretary/Treasurer will continue in their roles. Mrs. Watkin's self-nomination served as a motion to approve the FY21

chair, seconded by Charley Ayers; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding approval of new Board members.

Charley Ayers of Workforce of Central Texas and Ken Wilkerson, Councilman for the City of Killeen, asked to the join the board. Ginger Watkins made a motion to approve the new members and recommend ratification by the CTCOG's Executive Board. This motion was seconded by Dean Roome and passed unanimously.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding proposed updates to the DDCT Bylaws.

Kendra Coufal suggested updates to the current bylaws to reflect the CTCOG's Executive Committee's current bylaws.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding update on DDCT Pandemic Recovery Planning Grant; Approval of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery and Renewal Plan.

Anna Barge updated the committee on the current RFP process and asked for suggestions and/or revisions to the RFP application.

9. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding approval of Application for 2021 Rural Internship Program.

Helen Owens presented the board with the 2021 application with last year's board revisions. DDCT will offer \$500 to four students. Ginger Watkins made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Dean Roome; the motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding approval of Application for 2021 Leadership Central Texas Program.

Helen Owens presented the board with the 2021 application. Cynthia Hernandez suggested the program be in person; if possible. Dean Roome made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Cynthia Hernandez; the motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion Item: Regarding update on regional broadband initiatives.

Anna Barge gave an update on Connected Nation's efforts to implement broadband programs, in the region, and the current EDA grant application in process to fund Connected Nation. She also updated the board on the 2020 Texas Report; created by the Governor's Broadband Development Council.

12. Discussion Item: Other funding opportunities.

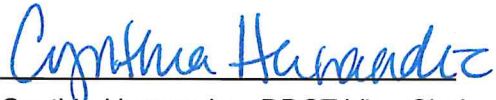
Helen Owens discussed and provided information on various funding opportunities from state

and federal agencies. CTCOG is available to assist with grants, if needed.

13. Board of Directors' Comments.

14. Discuss agenda items for next meeting on Thursday April 8, 2021 at 9:30am.

15. Adjourned at 10:46am.



Cynthia Hernandez, DDCT Vice-Chair

Uryan Nelson, Planning Director