

**Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation *
City of Junction *
State of Texas**

**Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday February 3, 2026**

The Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation was called to order by Cliff Robbins for its regular monthly meeting on *Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Meeting Room. A quorum was established with the following:*

Present:

President : Cliff Robbins

Vice President: Lisa Heap

Secretary: Carmen Bierschwale

Director: Dr Mike Gosney
Tom Rattan

Absent: Marcy Levein, Treasurer Doug Haynes

Also Present: Marie Armes (EDC Coordinator), Ashley Barow, Maria Galindo, Twila Leistikow, John McDonald, Myndi Jameson, Lexie Gentry, Craig Stanley

Call to Order: Roll call of those in attendance. Mr. Robbins offered the invocation.

Public Forum: Citizens Comments (limited to 3 minutes); no comments at this meeting.

Consent Items: (A.) **Minutes** and (B.) **Financials:** After a review of the minutes and the financials, Dr Gosney made the motion to accept the minutes from the January regular monthly meeting; Mr. Rattan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Bierschwale made the motion to accept the financials; Mrs. Heap seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Lone Star Bar and Grill Performance/Licensing Grant: Miss Barrow wants to expand her business, to include the wine and mixed beverages that recently passed. Dr. Gosney made the motion to approve; Mrs. Bierschwale seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

Pour Decisions LLC Business Incentive and Performance /Licensing Grants: Mrs. Jameson explained she wants to become a brick & mortar establishment. Pour Decisions is currently a mobile bar, and she has contracted with the Masonic Lodge of Junction to renovate and move into a space on Main Street. The establishment would have a laid-back lounge feel to it with a full-service bar. She would offer acoustic music, possibly live music. She would offer customers darts and shuffleboard, and a few TVs. She stated parking would not be a problem as downtown businesses would be closed during her hours of operation. Renovation has already begun and looking for an April 1st opening day. Mrs. Bierschwale made the motion to approve the licensing grant and Mrs. Heap seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Jameson also applied for the Business Incentive grant. The grant would be used to help with rent/utilities and that would make

funds available to hire 3 part-time employees. Mrs. Bierschwale made the motion to approve the Business Incentive Grant and Mr. Rattan seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Korner Store Business Incentive Grant: Twila Leistikow plans on using this grant to make funds available to have 3 part-time employees and be more competitive in their hourly wages. Mrs. Heap made the motion to approve the Business Incentive Grant and Mrs. Bierschwale seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Junction Eagle Advertising Budget: Mrs. Bierschwale proposed to the board to commit a portion of our marketing budget to our local newspaper. There was some discussion on the dollar figure to allocate to promote the EDC message. Dr. Gosney made the motion to commit six thousand dollars annually to the Junction Eagle; Mr. Rattan seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

USDA Money: Mrs. Armes has been in contact with the USDA about changing the scope of the rural revolving loan fund. This was tabled until more information is available about changing the scope options.

Facade Grant Increase: The Façade Grant is currently structured to only pay 70% of the project up to \$5,000. There was some discussion regarding increasing the total amount or changing the percentage funded by the EDC. Mrs. Bierschwale made the motion to change the Façade Grant so that the EDC paid 100% of the project up to \$5,000; Mr. Rattan seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Insurance Bids: Insurance bids were accepted and Mrs. Armes presented them to the board. For business renters' insurance, Dr. Gosney made the motion to accept the bid from Westin Insurance, Patty Colvin, and Mr. Rattan seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Directors and Officers insurance was discussed, replacing the current bonds. Mr. Robbins will make a request at the next City Council meeting for them to approval a revision to our EDC bylaws, adopting full D&O coverage, which includes a hired employee. Dr. Gosney made a motion to accept the bid from Kothmann Insurance, Jessica Gardner, contingent on the City approving the change in EDC bylaws. Mrs. Heap seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Keep Junction Beautiful: This is the EDC sponsored annual recycling event using the county yard. It will offer the removal of tires, appliances, and electronics. April 11 was the date chosen. Mrs. Armes will coordinate with the vendors and the Commissioner's Court. Mrs. Bierschwale made the motion to approve the date and Mrs. Heap seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Spring Mixer: One of the 2026 Strategic goals is Collaboration with other boards and entities in Junction, Kimble County. This event is to be a meet & greet for area boards to initiate meetings and open dialogue. The mixer will be held at the museum. Mrs. Heap

made a motion to set a budget of \$3,000 and Dr. Gosney seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Update from Investment Subcommittee: Dr. Gosney stated their meeting with Andrew Heap had to be postponed. This item is to be tabled. Mr. Rattan asks to be a member of the investment subcommittee. Dr. Gosney made a motion to remove Mr. Haynes so that there are not four EDC members which would constitute a quorum and replace him with Mr. Rattan. The motion was by Mrs. Heap; it passed unanimously.

Reports:

- (A.) Office Manager Report: Marie Armes
- (B.) Tourism Report: none
- (C.) City Council Update: none

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.



Carmen Bierschwale, Secretary