



**TEMPLE HEALTH AND BIOSCIENCE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

***Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting held on  
Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020***

The Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development District Board of Directors conducted their regularly scheduled board meeting (via Zoom) Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 5 p.m.

**Due to the Shelter in Place order by Bell County (in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic), this meeting was conducted by videoconference, per the Open Meetings Act regulations.**

**Members Present:**

Mr. Thomas Baird, Chair  
Mr. Brian Reinhardt, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mr. Gregg Strasburger  
Mr. Michael Norman, Vice Chair (arrived late)  
Mr. Tyler Johnson  
Mr. John Kiella  
Dr. Robert Cortes (arrived late)

**Members Absent:**

The agenda for this meeting was posted on the bulletin board of the Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development District facility and THBD's website ([www.templebioscience.org](http://www.templebioscience.org)) in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

*The following is a summary of the proceedings of this meeting. It is not intended to be a verbatim translation.*

**I) Public Comments**

Citizens who desire to address the board on any matter may sign up to do so prior to the meeting. Public comments will be received during this portion of the



meeting. Please limit comments to three (3) three minutes. No discussion or final action will be taken by the board.

There were no public requests recorded or public in attendance for this meeting. Therefore, Chairman of the Board, Mr. Thomas Baird closed the Public Comments session.

## **II) Consent Agenda**

1. Consider adopting a resolution approving the Consent Agenda items and the appropriate resolutions for each of the following:

### **Minutes**

- a). Approve the minutes of the June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 board meeting.

### **Financials**

- b). Approve the financial report for the nine-month period ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

There are Total Assets of \$6,607,190 with the bulk representing \$4,998,919 in cash and deposit accounts. THBD also has a Property Tax Receivable of \$14,226 and a \$83,476 Note Receivable. There are Fixed Assets of \$1,489,138 and Total Liabilities of \$17,749. This yields a Net Equity of \$6,589,441. On the Profit and Loss Budget versus Actual, THBD has collected \$1,054,657 in Property Tax Revenue. Including Lab and Rental Income, the Total Revenue is \$1,088,012. Total Expenses were \$615,958 with Ordinary Income of \$472,054. In addition, there was Interest Income of \$36,594 yielding a Net Income of \$513,577. THBD has collected 98.99% of the Property Tax budgeted.

### **Operations**

- c). Motion to not renew rental of Materialize Mimics Base, Analysis and Design Software to save \$27,225.00 due to a lack of utilization.

Motion by Mr. Gregg Strasburger, second by Mr. Tyler Johnson to consider adopting a resolution approving the Consent Agenda items and the appropriate resolutions for each of the above be approved.



Motion approved unanimously.

### **III) Regular Agenda**

#### **2. Budget work session for the 2020-2021 FY**

A discussion ensued regarding the 2020-2021 FY budget. Ms. Annable presented the current draft of the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget, noting the sections that had funds reduced, or increased. Ms. Annable stated that for the August 2020 Board meeting she would have the certified range for the tax rate. The costs for health insurance for the upcoming budget year were less than the 2019-2020 FY. Ms. Annable mentioned that she removed the renewal costs for the materialize computer software.

Mr. Johnson asked for clarification, at the last board meeting we had a surplus, and with this board meeting we are at a deficit in the budget. Mr. Baird stated that we will have a better idea of our expected budget at the next meeting, once more properties are certified. For this budget discussion Ms. Annable is using the certified property budget numbers instead of the projected number which was used for the July 2020 board meeting.

No motion or vote was taken.

#### **3. Receive activity report from Ms. Tami Annable, Executive Director**

Ms. Annable gave an update on the following:

**Industrial Genetics (IG):** Have been optimizing conditions for safe inactive virus shipping from customers as well as they have identified a more sensitive and non-invasive way to test for SARS-CoV-2. IG is currently testing surfaces and wastewater for multiple nursing homes, food preparation services and hospitals across the country. IG has developed a partnership with a global disinfection service to be their sole testing company for COVID-19. Currently IG has hired a Texas A&M University student and a former Biotechnology major from Temple Bioscience Institute (TBI) who is finishing his degree at Texas A&M Central Texas. IG plans to be scouting local talent who



have been recently laid off due to the Pandemic. IG currently has five employees.

**Pulmonescence Diagnostics:** Will be moving in August 1, 2020, and they are planning to hire two lab technicians from local talent in Temple.

**AMA Biotech:** Moved in on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and are excited to be part of THBD. They are leasing a lab bench in the common lab and are at THBD on the weekends.

**THBD Safety Committee:** A safety committee has been formed and will meet quarterly. Members include Dr. David Sprague (head of the committee), Dr. Robert Cortes Jr., Mr. Michael Norman, and Ms. Tami Annable. The following Labs are now going to be designated BSL2 Labs – THBD Common Lab THBD Cell Tissue Lab, Emergent Lab, and the IG Lab. THBD staff and tenants will be undergoing training through CITI training for BSL2 certification. This training will ensure that we are OSHA and FDA compliant. The CITI training is expected to cost roughly \$3500.00 per year.

**3D Printed Masks:** Baylor Scott and White (BS&W) has sent THBD's 3D printed mask prototype to the testing center. BS&W are researching and deciding on the best filter for the mask.

**THBD E Learning Series:** Upping Your Wellness Game, Dr. Patricia Sulak, M.D. will be giving a presentation on covering all aspects of health with a focus on six things we can do now to boost our immunity against the current viral threat and lower our risks of all chronic diseases. This presentation is scheduled for July 28, 2020 at 12 p.m. and will also be available on the THBD You-Tube channel if you are unable to attend the meeting.

**Temple Community Clinic:** Invitation to THBD staff and Board Members to participate in a Zoom Meeting to learn about the Clinic. Ms. Annable asked the board if they wished to participate in the meeting. Mr. Tyler Johnson stated that he had toured the facility after hours and that the Director of the Clinic is on a mission to make the Clinic more visible to the community. Mr. Johnson stated that the clinic does good work. The Board Members individually stated that they have supported the Clinic in the past and are very familiar with this valuable resource in the community. Mr. Thomas Baird stated that he was one of the founding members of the Community Clinic. Mr. John Kiella stated that



he wanted Tami to let the Director, Ms. Sherri Woytek, know that the board is very supportive of the clinic. Mr. Baird indicated to Ms. Annable to go ahead and set the zoom up for THBD staff.

**Brilliant MD:** Has inquired to become a virtual tenant of THBD. Requiring no office or lab space they would like to be a virtual tenant who will have access to THBD's contacts and network of sponsors and supporters.

Brilliant MD is offering free advising to our startups as well as a virtual tenant rent fee for the designation of a virtual tenant. Brilliant MD helps doctors, hospitals to better bill insurance providers, Medicaid, and Medicare.

Ms. Annable asked the THBD board if this is something that we would be interested in pursuing, as with COVID-19 there will be more of an interest in virtual businesses and it would be really good for us to be part of it. There is a currently a virtual incubator in Austin called ATI, and there are other companies that would be interested in such an option.

Mr. Thomas Baird stated that as a virtual tenant, they would sign up as a virtual tenant and pay some fee less than what a physical tenant would pay. This tenant would be able to participate with the other tenants and be able to receive the resources that THBD has built up with other organizations up and down I-35 and the Central Texas areas. For this they are willing to pay some money to do that. I think that is what they are looking to do, is that a fair statement Tami?

Ms. Annable stated yes, I agree that is a fair analysis. There are a lot of benefits to being part of the THBD incubator as well as our MOU with NAMSA.

Mr. Gregg Strasburger asked if it would be a strain on THBD's internet infrastructure? Are we going to be perceived as a promotor of this company?

Ms. Annable stated that they would not be running their computers from our facility so there will be no internet issues. Ms. Annable agreed that we would be a promotor of the company. Mr. John Kiella stated he had a concern regarding the validation of the company. Mr. Kiella stated that we needed a good validation process to be able to use our networks of contacts. Mr. Kiella was also wondering about legal ramifications. Ms. Annable stated that she has already vetted them just like she would vet anyone who comes into the THBD facility. and checked out their web site and has seen the application in action.

Mr. Michael Norman stated if Ms. Annable thinks this is a good idea that a process should be put in place prior to allowing the first virtual tenant into the program. Mr. Thomas Baird asked if research could be done to determine the vetting process that others use. We have developed a good reputation and that we are not against the program, it just needs research. We are a connector of people and a facilitator and we need to evaluate the benefits to the community.



Could you do some research to compare what others do and send out a summary to the Board and we will see if Brilliant MD is a good fit to the program that we develop. Ms. Annable stated that the idea sounds great and it would be her pleasure to do the research.

No motion or vote was taken.

There being no further business, Mr. Baird adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:36 p.m.

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