



**TEMPLE HEALTH AND BIOSCIENCE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

***Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting held on  
Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

The Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development District Board of Directors conducted their regularly scheduled board meeting (via Zoom) Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:13 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Temple Health and Bioscience District (THBD) facility located at 1802 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Temple, Texas.

**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  
Mr. Tyler Johnson  
Mr. John Kiella  
Dr. Robert Cortes

**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 May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 board meeting.

### **Financials**

- b). Approve the financial report for the eight-month period ending May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

There are Total Assets of \$6,673,396 with the bulk representing \$5,061,204 in cash and deposit accounts. THBD also has a Property Tax Receivable of \$16,290 and a \$84,195 Note Receivable. There are Fixed Assets of \$1,489,138 and Total Liabilities of \$22,702. This yields a Net Equity of \$6,650,693. On the Profit and Loss Budget versus Actual, THBD has collected \$1,046,898 in Property Tax Revenue. Including Lab and Rental Income, the Total Revenue is \$1,080,666. Total Expenses were \$545,025 with Ordinary Income of \$535,641. In addition, there was Interest Income of \$33,659 yielding a Net Income of \$574,229. THBD has collected 98.65% of the Property Tax budgeted.

Motion by Mr. Gregg Strasburger, second by Mr. John Kiella 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. Mr. Tyler Johnson recommended that we add a line item to the budget entitled: Board Approved Special Projects. The board unanimously agreed it was an excellent idea and should be added to the budget line items.

No motion or vote was taken.

#### **3. Consider approval of the Preliminary Budget for the 2020-2021 FY.**

This agenda item was tabled for the future.

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

Ms. Annable gave a brief overview of the newest THBD tenant: Industrial Genetics (Dr. David Sprague CEO). Moved in on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Industrial Genetics initially will be working with a national company to verify their decontamination systems. Industrial Genetics will test this company's collected samples using a variety of technologies available. At no time will any live biological material be brought within the confines of the THBD property. All biological samples will be inactivated in a commercially available solution while preserving genetic material for analysis.

Ms. Annable continued her update by discussing the next new tenant: Sunthetics (Dr. Daniela Blanco CEO). Sunthetics will be moving in August 1, 2020. Sunthetics is a start-up focused on helping the chemical industry become more sustainable. Chemical processes are very energy-intensive and harmful to the environment, as they rely on fossil fuels.

Another new tenant was introduced by Ms. Annable. Pulmonescence Diagnostics (Joe Jilka CEO). They will be moving in on July 1, 2020. Pulmonescence Diagnostics has designed a Rapid Tuberculosis Diagnosis



Test kit using reporter enzyme fluorescence. Originally this was Mr. Michael Norman's start-up company. The IP went back to Texas A&M and this group took it over. Pulmonescence Diagnostics has received a NIH STTR Phase 1 grant: Development of a Rapid Low-Cost Fecal-based TB Diagnostic for Children for \$252,000.

Ms. Annable continued with the newest tenant to join THBD: Ama Biotech, (CEO Mia Mihailovic). Ama will be moving in July 15, 2020. Ama Biotech will be renting a lab bench in the Common Lab and will be at THBD over the weekends. They are a start-up company focused on empowering women with point-of-care diagnostics. Considering the growing STD epidemic in the US, Ama's priority is the development of a rapid STD diagnostic platform for women to incorporate into their monthly menstrual routine. Ama Biotech rapid testing platform is intended for fully-at-home sampling and detection read-out of bacterial STDs. No doctor appointments or third-party lab testing is necessary to diagnose the STD.

### **Operations Update:**

Mr. Annable gave an update on the following:

Bio-Hazard Hood:

- Hood was delivered and set up in the Industrial Genetics Lab (per the tenants' request). THBD now has two operational Bio-Hazard hoods.
- The glass sash was cracked during set/up delivery and will need to be replaced.
- The hood passed certification with the crack, and is in operation currently, glass to replace the cracked sash has been ordered.

Reme Halo-LED air purifier:

- The air purifier was installed on 6/23/2020 at the cost of \$3,400.
- The air purifier is effective against all three categories of indoor air pollutants, particulates, microbial and gases. This product has been thoroughly tested on airborne and surface bacteria and viruses, such as MRSA, E-Coli and Norwalk.
- Mr. Kiella asked if we voted on this, to which Ms. Annable replied no, it was under \$5,000. Ms. Annable explained that with the new tenants and their projects, it was important to make sure that the HVAC system was



able to take out as much contaminants as possible. Mr. Norman added that it was a good point and stated that THBD could not handle anything above BSL2.

Ms. Annable then presented an update on:

#### 3D Printed Masks and Swabs:

- THBD is currently waiting to hear back from Baylor Scott and White regarding the latest prototype. The person THBD has been in contact with regarding the project is on vacation.
- Baylor Scott and White is looking for appropriate filters for the masks, which they had thought were N95 masks, Ms. Annable let them know the masks are surgical masks not N95 masks.
- Temple Rotary sent the pledged \$5,000 for the mask project. The Rotary also initiated a public funds campaign as well and have another \$3,000 committed.
- If the mask project does not proceed all funds will be returned to the Temple Rotary.

No motion or vote was taken.

There being no further business, Mr. Baird adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:06 p.m.

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