

AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation (WCDC) to be held in the Hatchet Conference Room at the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas on ***Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.***

Board Members: Jim Phillips, President
 Melissa Ballard, Vice President
 Billie Wallace, Mayor
 Andrew Henderson
 Erik Test
 Kevin Chester
 Justin Rios

Ex-Officio Members: Amber Villarreal, City Secretary
 Chad Tustison, Senior Director of Finance
 Kevin Strength, President/CEO Chamber of Commerce

1. Call to Order
2. ***Public Comments:*** Persons may address the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation on any issues. This is the appropriate time for citizens to address the Corporation on any concern whether on this agenda or not. In accordance with the State of Texas Open Meetings Act, the Corporation may not comment or deliberate such statements during this period, except as authorized by Section 551.042, Texas Government Code.
3. Reorganize the Board
4. Approval of minutes of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation meeting of September 9, 2025
5. Hear update on Lions Park Masterplan
6. Hear update on Nature Trail
7. Adjourn

The Board of Directors of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation reserves the right to go into Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from legal counsel on any agenda item listed herein.

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

This meeting location is wheelchair-accessible. Parking for mobility-impaired persons is available. Any request for sign interpretive services must be made forty-eight hours ahead of the meeting. To make arrangements, call the ADA Coordinator at (469) 309-4000 or (TDD) 1-800-RELAY TX

Notice of Potential Quorum

***One or more members of the Waxahachie City Council may be present at this meeting.
No action will be taken by the City Council at this meeting.***

Waxahachie Community Development Corporation
September 9, 2025

A regular meeting of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation (WCDC) was held in the Hatchet Conference Room at the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jim Phillips, President
Melissa Ballard, Vice President
Billie Wallace, Mayor
Kevin Chester

Member Absent: Bob Lynn
Erik Test
Andrew Henderson

Ex-Officio Amber Villarreal, City Secretary
Members Present: Chad Tustison, Senior Director of Finance
Kevin Strength, President/CEO Chamber of Commerce

Others Present: Ricky Boyd, Interim City Manager
Albert Lawrence, Deputy City Manager
Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director of Parks & Leisure Services
Laurie Mosley, Director of Convention & Visitors Bureau
April Ortiz, Civic Center Director
Chris Seale, Horticulturist

1. Call to Order

President Jim Phillips called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Approval of minutes of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation meeting of August 12, 2025

Action:

Melissa Ballard moved to approve minutes of the WCDC meeting of August 12, 2025. Motion was seconded by Kevin Chester and carried unanimously (4-0).

4. Consider funding request to supplement the events budget for the Ellis County Veterans Day Celebration and the Marine Corps Birthday Ball in the amount of \$6,590.00

The Ellis County Marine Corps League Detachment #1452 and the Heroes Services Coalition are requesting \$6,590 to help fund two major events: the Ellis County Veterans Day Celebration and the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, which marks the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps. These events, held the same weekend, are expected to draw attendees from across Texas and generate long-term economic benefits for the area.

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Most of the event funding will come from ticket sales, sponsorships, and organizational support. However, this request aims to close the funding gap while preserving resources for the Detachment's Scholarship Program, veteran support services, and ceremonial funeral honors.

Both host organizations are long-standing nonprofits committed to community service and veteran recognition. The requested amount will cover venue costs at the Waxahachie Civic Center—\$1,700 for the Veterans Celebration and \$4,890 for the Ball—helping to maximize attendance, reduce costs, and increase impact for the community.

Action:

Kevin Chester moved to approve a request of \$6,590.00 from the WCDC General Fund to supplement the events budget for the Ellis County Veterans Day Celebration and the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Motion was seconded by Melissa Ballard and carried unanimously. (4-0)

5. Discuss and consider lighting alleyways in Downtown Waxahachie

This item has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Villarreal, City Secretary