

Draft-Pending Approval
**MINUTES OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 7, 2025**

10/7/2025 - Industrial Development Corporation Minutes

I. Declaration Of A Quorum

Mayor Brown declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Board Member Craig Brown (Mayor); Board Member Marie Robb (Mayor Pro Tem); Board Member Alex Porretto (City Council); Board Member Jason Hardcastle (Park Board of Trustees); Board Member Keith Bassett (Galveston Chamber of Commerce); and Board Member Bill Coltzer (Galveston Economic Development Partnership).

Absent: Board Member Sharon Lewis (City Council).

III. Conflict of Interest Declaration

No conflicts of interest were declared.

IV. Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

IV.A August 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Board Member Bassett made a motion to approve the August 5, 2025 meeting minutes, with Board Member Porretto seconding the motion. Unanimously approved by those present.

V. Public Comment On Agenda Items

No public comments were received.

VI. Administrative Matters

VI.A Discuss and Receive Update on Expenses, Available Funds, Forecasts and Investments. (B.Cook)

Assistant City Manager Brandon Cook reported that sales tax revenue for the fiscal year totals \$26.2 million, reflecting an 8.5% increase over 2024. However, due to the impact of Hurricane Beryl and flooding in 2024, a more accurate comparison is with 2023, showing a 2.5% increase. This growth highlights the strength and resilience of Galveston's economy.

- 1. Discuss and Consider for Approval the FY26 GEDP Membership Renewal in the amount of \$50,000.**
- 2. Discuss and Consider for Approval a sponsorship of the 2025 GEDP Economic Development Summit in the amount of \$10,000.**

Board Member Bassett made a motion to approve Items VI.A.1 and VI.A.2, with Board Member Hardcastle seconding the motion. Unanimously approved by those present.

VI.B Discuss and Receive an Update on Current and Completed Projects. (M.Hay)

Economic Development Coordinator Michele Hay reported that the Sandhill Crane soccer field project is nearing completion, with final touch-ups, leveling, and inspections underway. Board Members expressed concerns about delays in the schedule and the condition of the fields. Substantial completion was achieved in July 2025, ahead of the contract deadline, but delays earlier in the process caused the field to miss the current soccer season, leading to community frustration. City staff, third-party consultants, and the architect of record are overseeing final checks to ensure safety and quality before opening. The IDC board has requested full documentation and a possible public update to address concerns and restore confidence in the project.

Board Member Porretto requested an update on South Shore Pump Station. Assistant City Manager Brandon Cook reported that the South Shore pump station project is experiencing delays primarily due to challenges in securing temporary construction easements and navigating federal funding requirements. There's concern that the General Land Office (GLO) may revoke funding if sufficient progress isn't shown within the 12–14 month extension period. A neighborhood meeting is scheduled for October 15 at 5:30 PM to present the project schedule, engage with residents, and address local concerns. Legal proceedings may be necessary if easement acquisition continues to stall.

Board Member Robb requested an update on the 14th Street pump station. Assistant City Manager Brandon Cook reported that the 14th Street pump station is nearing completion of its design phase and is expected to go out for bid by the end of the year. Although no Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) funds have been spent on it yet, money has been reserved since 2022. This project is funded through FEMA mitigation dollars. Staff is looking to bid out this project at the end of the year.

**VI.C Discuss and Receive an Update on the FY26 Calendar and Upcoming Events.
(M. Hay)**

Economic Development Coordinator Michele Hay provided the board with a handout of tentative 2026 meeting dates. She reported that a November 2025 special meeting may be necessary.

VII. Request Agenda Items For Future Meetings

Future agenda item request from Board Members Brown and Hardcastle - update on the sidewalk crew.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved:

