



**SPECIAL MEETING with PARKS BOARD  
MINUTES  
January 22, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the DeSoto Economic Development Corporation (DEDC) and DeSoto Parks Board met virtually on **Monday, January 22, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.**

**A. SPECIAL SESSION – CALL TO ORDER at 11:36am by DEDC’s President Curt Krohn and Parks Director Chris Glover.**

It was determined a quorum of both boards were present. DEDC’s directors included Curt Krohn, Dr. Delva King, Michelle Jordan and Bobby Waddle. Director Paul Griffin was absent. Others present or invited included: Joe Gorfida, Isom Cameron, John McCalib, Chase Ellis, Gail Lofton, Shronda Whitfield, Kristoff Bauer, Brandon Wright, Entaune Tyson, Joe Newman, Pierette Parker, James Culp, Kisha Morris-Perkins and Kathy Jones.

City manager Brandon Wright thanked everyone for coming to this historic meeting.

Mr. Wright explained that the current Type A EDC sales tax is restricted to primary job creation and that the city council wanted more quality of life items added to the list of available items eligible for funding. The council called for an election last November and DeSoto citizens authorized the change.

Mr. Wright went on to explain the upcoming transition as regards to the Type A EDC structure and the Type B Parks Board and a timeline which will begin in February or March. He said that all debt or obligations will be assumed by the new Type B EDC board and the city council will increase the board size from the current five members to seven. The current 3/8% EDC sales tax will be combined with the Park’s 1/8% tax by the State Comptroller for a combined rate of one-half of one percent sales tax and the Parks board would request DEDC funding within the new budget for an amount equal to the 1/8%.

The two boards discussed minor changes to the draft Amended and Restated Bylaws that were sent to the boards.

**B. ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional items to discuss, the respective boards adjourned the meeting at 12:46pm.

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**Curtis Krohn, Board President**

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**Dr. Delva King, Board Vice President**