



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME:	Wolfforth City Council
MEETING DATE:	May 20, 2024
ITEM TITLE:	Consider and take appropriate action on Economic Development board member recommendation.
STAFF INITIATOR:	Danielle Sweat, Economic Development Director

BACKGROUND:

Paula Sexton was recommended to the board by Russell Thomasson. She has attended a board meeting and would love the opportunity to be a part of the EDC. She currently works for ABC bank here in Wolfforth. Here is a little more about her:

Paula Sexton received her Doctor of Jurisprudence in May 1995 from Texas Tech University School of Law. She practiced law for eleven years before moving into community banking in 2006 at American Bank of Commerce. In Paula's role as Senior Vice President of Commercial Banking, she works to build and manage relationships with target businesses/customers in the West Texas market. She partners with customers to identify their financial goals and to find strategies for reaching those goals. Other areas of focus and qualifications in her professional career include: negotiation skills, dispute resolution, due diligence, public relations and crisis management, organizational policy and procedural development, recruiting, hiring, and coaching, risk management, fraud prevention and compliance.

Service and volunteer work through the years has included the March of Dimes, Meals on Wheels, and serving on the board of directors for Communities in Schools of the South Plains. Paula currently serves on the advisory board for the Texas Tech Equestrian Center where she has worked with various sub-committees since 2015 including the Therapeutic Riding Center, the Equestrian Team, and the Horse Judging Team. She is an avid equestrian and currently trains and rides competitively in the discipline of dressage.

Paula's daughter is a 2020 graduate of Lubbock-Cooper High School where her husband has been a coach and teacher for over 20 years. With deep ties to West Texas, Paula believes there is no better place to live and raise a family.

EXHIBITS:

None

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and EDC board recommend appointing Paula as Alternate Number One to the EDC Board