

EDC names Garrett new director

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The applications have been turned in. The interviews are complete. The Board of the Silsbee Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) has selected their new Executive Director. She is Kimberly Garrett.

According to their website, the SEDC was formed in 1994. Their mission is to support economic and community development projects that will improve the business climate, strengthen the economy, create jobs and enhance the quality of life in Silsbee.

Board President Sam Karr said that Garrett was the right person for the position. "We all felt that she was the perfect candidate for the job. We felt like we could

work with her real well. She is a hometown girl and this is where she is wanting to stay. She is wanting to get this town built up where the kids will want to stay here. That is her goal. That is one of the main reasons that we felt she would be a good person for this job."

Garrett is currently attending Lamar University. She graduated from Silsbee High School. She and her husband, Greg, have been married for 18 years. They have three children; Kelsie, Matthew and Katelynn. The family are members of the First Missionary Baptist Church in Silsbee.

"This is my home," said Garrett. "My children are growing up here, they are going to school here. I want to be an active mem-



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ber of society and in the community. I want to give a little back. I want to be involved and to interact with people. I'm a big talker and I love to be involved with

everything. EDC is a position that suits me. I like to be an all-around person."

Karr said that the Board backs Garrett 100 percent. "If we didn't," he said, "we would not have her there. I think this is what we've been looking for. Being a board member, she already knows what the job entails and what to expect. Everything done at the EDC is done as a board. She understands the concept of what we want.

"She is the public image of the EDC. She will be going to the groundbreaking. We were needing a spokesperson and she fits the bill better than anybody else that we interviewed. She is representing Silsbee. First impressions mean a lot. I think she makes a good first impression."