

WOOD COUNTY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

May 7, 2015

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
The Homestead, Golden, Texas

The Wood County Industrial Commission met May 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at The Homestead in Golden, Texas.

Members Present:

JR Simpson	Richard Pearce	Mitzi Pearce	Dan Kirk
Imogene Davis	Phil Sadler	Melanie Whitehurst	Claudeane Sublett
Janna Castloo	Ken Donahue	Sam Scroggins	Martha Scroggins
William Smialek	Neal Duncan	Lowe Ann Elliott	Bruce Sumner
Paul Kelbe			

Members Not Present:

Ray Fischer	Sue Hitzemann	Andrew Rosson	Jeff Croley
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Others Present: Executive Director Kiki Bettis; Media: Larry Tucker, Wood County Democrat; guests: Grant Sadler, Gwyn Kirk, Tammy Kelbe, Tony and Kathy Pegues, Dana Donahue- Hotel Lodging Representative.

1. **Call To Order/Welcome:** Chairman Sam Scroggins called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., welcomed and introduced all of the guests followed by the invocation led by Ken Donahue. In Open Forum, Grant Sadler discussed the Special Kids Farm & Ranch Day held April 24 in Golden and thanked the board for their continued support of the event. More than 200 kids were in attendance and participated in several events including horse rides, face paint, games and a special visit from Miss Texas.
2. **Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Dan Kirk and seconded by Bruce Sumner to approve the minutes from the April 2 meeting and the monthly financial report. Motion carried.
3. **City of Mineola- Request \$10,000 to sponsor Musgraves Concert at Nature Preserve:** The Economic Development Committee (EDC) met April 16 and accepted the request from the City of Mineola to disperse \$10,000 from the reserved Unclaimed Capital Credits (UCC) funds to sponsor the Musgraves Concert scheduled to take place September 26, 2015. The recommendation was brought to the remaining board directors for review and possible action. A motion was made by Neal Duncan and seconded by Claudeane Sublett to approve the EDC's recommendation to disperse \$10,000 from the reserved UCC funds to sponsor the concert. The vote was 15-1 with Paul Kelbe casting the lone descending vote. Motion carried.
4. **Appointment of Vice Chairman for remaining FY 2015 & FY 2016:** The Nominating Committee recommended Sue Hitzemann from Winnsboro to fill the vacant seat of Vice Chairman and serve as such through September 30, 2016. The motion to approve the recommendation was made by Sam Scroggins and seconded by Ken Donahue. Motion carried.
5. **Amendment to Bylaws- Modify Promotions Committee Requirements:** A Bylaw change was presented to the board requesting modifications to the requirements of the Promotions Committee to include At-Large Representatives from the unincorporated areas. The board will have 30 days to review and call for any changes to the recommendation. If there are none, the directors will take necessary action at the next regular board meeting.
6. **Addition to Bylaws- Article VI: Committees Section:** An addition to the Bylaws was presented to the board requesting to incorporate of Section 6.04 "Economic Development Committee" to include the committee, policy and procedures, applications for funding, and dispersement of Unclaimed Capital Credit funds. The board will have 30 days to review and call for any changes to the recommendation. If there are none, the directors will take necessary action at the next regular board meeting.
7. **Executive Directors Report:** A second call for HOT Fund Projects was announced. Deadline to submit application is May 15. Toyota Texas Bass Classic is around the corner set for May 23-25. Coordinators are in town and we are beginning to set up. Need volunteers to run booth (4-hour increments or full 8-hour shift). New Promotional Items: Showed off new T-Shirts and thanked Sam for efforts and help. Pass out new "professional" pens.
8. **Committee Reports:** A HOT Committee Meeting was set for May 26 at 9 a.m. at the Airport Board Room.

9. **Community Reports:**

Alba- Ken Donahue reported the Legends of Lake Fork Tournament is next weekend followed by the Texas Toyota Bass Classic. First Baptist Church holding a Grand Opening of their new Life Center on May 31. Paul Kelbe reported that the Alba-Golden and Quitman High School Fishing Teams are set to compete in a tournament at Lake Tyler for \$20,000 scholarship. Wild Hogg Cook-off a success with 19 cooks and a net proceed of \$3,400 to benefit the library.

Hawkins- Dan Kirk reported the High School Baseball Team to set to play Friday and Saturday in Cayuga in the Area Playoffs. Also, city and school elections wrap up this weekend.

Golden- Phil Sadler reported that its Little League Baseball season and the snow cone business are great for economic development. Also, lots of rain in the area lately and good for the growth.

Jarvis- Bill Smialek reported the college graduated 65 students last week and Summer Enrichments programs will be taking off soon.

Mineola- Neal Duncan reported that the corner of Highway 80 has been cleared for the new CVS Pharmacy. Also, the "Longest Ride" playing at the Select Theater.

Quitman- Martha Scroggins reported that the True Value Hardware has begun remodeling and Precision Hardware is now selling guns and ammo. On May 14 there will be a Workforce Job Fair at the Civic Center. Also, the liquor distributor has officially broke ground. Melanie Whitehurst mentioned the East Texas Food Bank and area churches are volunteering to help with the Feed a Kid program. Also, city, school and hospital board elections wrap up this weekend.

Winnsboro- Sue Hitzemann reported that Bonnie and Clyde Days will be held May 23 featuring reenactments, classic cars, drawings, look-a-like contests, memorabilia and more. The city's Main Street Program was recognized nationally and two new restaurants have opened. Farmers Market is open every Saturday and Monday through June.

Yantis- The Catfish Classic Fishing Tournament on Lake Fork was held last weekend. More than 200 anglers participated in the tournament and generated \$25,000 in income.

10. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 4 2015 in Winnsboro; however the location of the meeting will be announced at a later time.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Kiki Bettis, Executive Director