

WOOD COUNTY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

September 3, 2015

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Forever Young Activity Center in Quitman, Texas

The Wood County Industrial Commission met September 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at Forever Young Activity Center in Quitman, Texas.

Members Present:

Neal Duncan	Sue Hitzemann	Martha Scroggins	San Scroggins
Claudeane Sublett	Janna Castloo	Lowe Ann Elliott	Imogene Davis
Mitzi Pearce	Dan Kirk	William Smialek	Richard Pearce
Phil Sadler	JR Simpson	Melanie Whitehurst	

Members Not Present:

Ken Donahue	Paul Kelbe	Ray Fischer	Jeff Croley
Andrew Rosson			

Others Present: Executive Director Kiki Bettis; Guests: Gwyn Kirk, Mayor J.R. Evans and his wife, Sandra, David Dobbs, Randy Dunn, Phil and Andrea Lambe, Robin Clinker with THMLA; Media, Larry Tucker.

1. **Call To Order/Welcome:** Chairman Sam Scroggins called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., welcomed and introduced the guests followed by the invocation led by Neal Duncan.
2. **Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Claudeane Sublett and seconded by Martha Scroggins to approve the minutes from the August 6 meeting. Motion carried- unanimously. A motion was made by Sue Hitzemann and seconded Claudeane Sublett to approve the monthly financial report. Motion carried-unanimously.
3. **Contract Renewal with Texas Hotel Lodging Association:** Robin Clinker, representative of the Hotel Lodging Association (THLA), made a presentation to the board in hopes of renewing their contract for another year. Most of the discussion was based on the THLA website and benefits to the Industrial Commission and lodging establishments. The board agreed that lodging establishment were not getting much visibility for the amount of money tied to the contract (\$12,387) and opted not to renew the contract.
4. **Bylaw Amendment- Absents and Replacements:** The board discussed amending the bylaws with regards to absences and replacements as some board members have not attended several meetings over the past year. Questions arose with regards to the procedures used in which the state mandates city development corporations to remove a member from the board due to absenteeism. Some board members felt an attendance report should be sent to the mayors of each city and let them decide if their city is getting full representation and that the obligation should fall back onto the mayors to appoint someone to represent their city, with the exception of the unincorporated areas. The board decided to table the agenda item until the October meeting and requested a legal opinion.
5. **Community Reports:**
Alba- Claudeane Sublett reported that the city is currently featuring a "Business of the Month" and that the city will host a Brisket Cook-off in the Spring with a possible carnival.
Hawkins- Dan Kirk reported preparations are underway for the upcoming Oil Festival scheduled for October 10. Also, the high school's football and volleyball teams are underway.
Golden- Phil Sadler reported the Kacey Musgraves luncheon will be held at the Homestead on Saturday with more than 220 expects guests. The Texas Beef Association has agreed to come to Golden and work the event.
Jarvis- William Smialek reported that students are back on campus with a record enrollment count of 800. Jarvis will be hosting a Blues/Jazz Festival on October 3.
Mineola- The Hay Show will take place on September 8 at the Civic Center. The Lake Country Classic Car Show and Kacey Musgraves Hometown Hang are scheduled for September 26. A Gun Show at the Civic Center is scheduled for October 3-4 and the new playground is set to open this week at the Nature Preserve. In honor/memory of Patrick Swayze, the Select Theater will be featuring "Dirty Dancing and Ghost" this weekend. Also, October Fest will be held at the Munzesheimer Manor B&B on October 1.
Quitman- Martha Scroggins presented Quitman's concept ideas for their downtown renovation project. The town hall meeting was held August 11 and was a huge success. Double H Packaging will officially be open

on September 14 and True Value Hardware is scheduled to open November 1. Also, the New Scenic Association will be hosting a Street Dance in downtown on October 3.

Winnsboro- Sue Hitzemann reported that Autumn Trails kicks off October 1 and runs all month long with a number of activities on tap including the Car Show this weekend featuring crafts, food, music and more.

Yantis- The Yantis/Lake Fork Lions Club will be dedicating a Memorial Monument at Swearinger Park on Saturday September 12 and invites everyone to attend.

6. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 1, in Winnsboro; however the location of the meeting will be announced at a later time.
7. **Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

Kiki Bettis, Executive Director