

WOOD COUNTY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

May 5, 2016

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Homestead

Golden, Texas

The Wood County Industrial Commission met May 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., at the Homestead in Golden, Texas.

Members Present:

Dan Kirk	Gary Edwards	Sam Scroggins	Brad Floyd
Paul Kelbe	Martha Scroggins	Lowe Ann Elliott	Gerald Elliott
Jason LaRue	Richard Pearce	Ken Donahue	JR Simpson
Janna Castloo			

Members Not Present:

Sammie Barney	Neal Duncan	Allene Doggett
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Others Present: Executive Director Kiki Bettis; Hotel Lodging Representative Dana Donahue; Media- Larry Tucker with the Wood County Democrat; and guests Gwyn Kirk, Tammy Kelbe, Yantis Mayor Jerry Miller and his wife Phyllis.

- 1. Call To Order/Welcome:** Chairman Sam Scroggins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the invocation led by Ken Donahue. Chairman Scroggins recognized and welcomed guests, Yantis Mayor Jerry Miller and his wife, Phyllis, along with Tammy Kelbe, Gwyn Kirk and Larry Tucker with the Wood County Democrat newspaper. Mayor Miller addressed the board on behalf of the Catfish Tournament that was held last weekend at Lake Fork. Mayor Miller discussed the wonderful turnout of the tournament as well as the beautiful weather and roughly 200 entries. Mayor Miller expressed his excitement on the number of kids involved in the tournament as compared to last year with a record of 24 teens (age 13-17) and 16 kids under the age of 13. Mayor Miller also thanked the board for their support through their (HOT) contribution for advertising and promotions [of the tournament] despite the confusion and hardship in receiving the funds as they did not receive their funds in a timely manner.
- 2. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Dan Kirk and seconded by Janna Castloo to approve the minutes from the April 4 meeting. Motion carried- unanimously. A motion was made by Martha Scroggins and seconded Ken Donahue to approve the financial reports for the month ending April 30, 2016. Motion carried- unanimously.
- 3. HOT Applications & Guidelines:** Bettis presented the board with the current guidelines and application used to apply for HOT funding. Chairman Scroggins suggested making some adjustments to the documents clarifying the rules and requirements in order to obtain HOT money. Bettis will research and prepare the documents for the board to review and take action at the next board meeting.
- 4. Accept Resignation from Jim Horn:** Due to high demands of time needed for his job, Jim Horn has decided to resign from the WCIC board. A motion was made by Janna Castloo and seconded by Gerald Elliott to accept Horn's resignation. Motion carried- unanimously.
- 5. Update: Wood County Economic Outlook & Home & Garden Expo:** Bettis updated the board on the upcoming Wood County Economic Outlook seminar. The event will be held Thursday, May 19 at the Mineola Civic Center. Tickets are \$15 each and include a steak dinner courtesy of J&J Meat Market of Yantis. Bettis said ticket sales are going great with roughly 85 sold at this time. Dr Ray Perryman will give an overview of the current state of the economy and how Wood County can plan for the future in regards to budget/money. Bettis asked the board members to thank the cities of Alba, Mineola, Quitman, Winnsboro and Yantis for sponsoring the event as well J&J Meat Market of Yantis who will be donating rib eye steaks for the dinner and The Harris House in Mineola, where Dr. Perryman will be stay during his visit. Bettis encouraged board to attend the event and bring a friend. Bettis also reminded the board about the upcoming Home and Garden Expo. The event will be held May 13-14 at the Mineola Civic Center from 9-5 p.m. and admission is FREE. There will be RVs and Boats on display along with several home, garden, outdoor recreation items as well as seminars, demonstrations, home improvements, hobby farming, financial planning and more such as gardening, backyard birding, pet care, fishing, etc. There will also be several food vendors and activities for kids so the whole family can enjoy the event! Bettis announced that she will man the booth all day Friday and asked for assistance for Saturday-- Sam and Martha agreed to help maintain the booth on Saturday.

6. **Chairman's Report:** Chairman Scroggins announced the dates for the Promotions Committee to review the HOT applications along with presentations by the applicants. Beginning at 4 p.m. on June 20 at the Airport Terminal Board Room, the committee will meet with the applicants to review their project and funding request. On Monday, June 27 beginning at 3 p.m. in the Board Room at the Airport Terminal, the committee will discuss the applications and put together a list of recommendations for the board to approve at the July meeting.

7. **Community Reports:**
 - Alba-* Legends of Lake Fork Fishing Tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 13-14. Alba welcomed new business 'Sweet Dreams' to the city. The High School Fishing team is going to the regional tournament which will be held May 21 on Lake Sam Rayburn.
 - Hawkins-* School District hired Morris Lon as the new superintendent and Jason Boyd as new middle school principal. Storm hit some areas in Hawkins including Lake Hawkins, Holly Lake Ranch and the Ozarka Plant sustaining a substantial amount of damage to the roofs along with several overturned trucks.
 - Golden-* Lake Holbrook Fish Fry on Saturday, May 7 and everyone invited to attend.
 - Holly Lake Ranch-* Tornado hit sections of the Ranch destroying several homes and causing major damage to the area. On a positive note, the concrete has been poured at the new Dollar Store which is scheduled to open soon.
 - Mineola-* The Lake Country Home & Outdoor Expo will be held May 13-14 at the Mineola Civic Center.
 - Quitman-* The City has finished the asbestos removal downtown. The QDC has requested proposals for the cleanup of the buildings and debris—the board will open and award next week. The parking lot in the downtown area is not complete due to the weather but is scheduled to start soon. Candlelight vigil was a huge success with performances by the elementary choir, and the guest speaker gave a moving speech expressing how she was a victim of abuse as a child. Also, the Quitman Kiwanis will host a golf tournament on Saturday, May 14 at the Links at Lands End Golf Course. All proceeds benefit the Quitman Splash Pad.
 - Winnsboro-* There will be a Bonnie & Clyde event and walking tour on Saturday, May 14. The Rotary Club's Road Kill BBQ lunch will be held Friday, May 13. The lunch special will feature a pulled pork sandwich, chips and a drink for \$7. All proceeds go to the scholarship fund and to purchase dictionaries for students.
 - Yantis-* The City received a \$250,000 grant for materials to build/repair water plant. Also, a new car wash will be opening soon in the city.

8. **Next Meeting:** A motion was made by JR Simpson and seconded by Richard Pearce to skip the June meeting and resume in July. Motion carried-unanimously. The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 7, 2016 in Winnsboro, with the location set to be determined at the end of June.

9. **Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.**

Kiki Bettis, Executive Director