

WOOD COUNTY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

September 6, 2018
Annual Meeting Minutes
Red Dome Smokehouse
Quitman, Texas

Members Present:

Ken Donahue	Dana Donahue	Martha Scroggins	Pat Hamlett
Chris Flournoy	Jim Berry	Dan Kirk	Sam Scroggins
Neal Duncan	Robby Fair	JR Simpson	Joanne Wisdom

Members Not Present:

Charles Mazarakes	Ben Hudman	Theresa Margos	Miste Davis
Allene Doggett	Gerald Elliott	Lowe Ann Elliott	Shelly Ogle

Others Present: Executive Director Kiki Bettis; Hotel Lodging Representative Victor Saveli; Quitman Mayor David Dobbs and City Councilwoman Susan Resnik; Media, Larry Tucker, editor of the Wood County Monitor.

- 1. Call To Order/Welcome:** Executive Board Director Sam Scroggins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the invocation led by Ken Donahue and Pledge of Allegiance led by Scroggins. Quitman Mayor David Dobbs and City Councilwoman Susan Resnik welcomed the group to the city and expressed their appreciation to the organization for their continued support of Quitman. Scroggins also welcomed Larry Tucker, editor of the Wood County Monitor; Victor Saveli, Hotel Lodging Representative and Mineola Chamber President; and Savannah as guests of the meeting.
- 2. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Ken Donahue and seconded by Martha Scroggins to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held August 1, 2018, as presented. Motion carried-unanimously. The financial report for the month of August was not available for the meeting as the county's auditing system was down and will be presented at next month's board meeting.
- 3. Election of Officers for FY 2018-19:** On June 20 the Nominations Committee agreed to propose the following recommendations as the slate of officers for the fiscal year 2018-19. The following nominations were presented to the board for consideration and approval: Allene Doggett-Recording Secretary, Dana Donahue- Vice Chairperson, and Gerald Elliott- Chairman. A motion was made by Neal Duncan and seconded by Joanne Wisdom to accept the slate of officers as presented. Motion carried-unanimously.
- 4. Executive Directors Report:** Bettis reported the county received the Unclaimed Capital Credit monies from the State Comptroller's Office. This year's amount totaled \$112,107 which is a decrease from last year of \$12,321. Bettis noted an average decrease of roughly \$12,000 per year since 2015. Bettis officially announced the 2019 Bassmaster Texas Fest will be held on Lake Fork. This project has been in the works for about two years and will once again benefit Texas Parks and Wildlife. The format will be a little different this go-around as it will be a 5 day tournament, May 2-6 and will be held once again at the Sabine River Authority. Currently working on the official contract portion- once it has been signed by the County Attorney, it will be approved by the Commissioners Court. Bettis is working on four separate grants for each of the County Lakes. She met with each of the Commissioners to discuss their "wish lists" which will be included into the grant application. These grants are available through the State Boating Access Program which they receiving funding from the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (funds for this program are derived from the federal gasoline tax generated by sales of gasoline for recreational motorboats and a federal tax on the sales of fishing tackle and trolling motors). Funds can be used on a variety of projects including ramps, boat lifts, loading docks, land acquisition, fish cleaning stations, restrooms, sewage treatment facilities, showers, security lights, parking areas, camping facilities, access roads, bridges, signals, retaining walls, stump removal, aquatic weed control and numerous of other projects. The East Texas Council of Governments will host their 97th Semi-Annual Board of Directors Meeting on September 27 at the Links at

Lands End. The event will commence at 11:45 a.m. and wrap up around 2 p.m. All Wood County elected officials have been invited to attend as well as the WCIC board. Wood County is 1 of 14 counties that participates/works with ETCOG-Economic Development Division. Bettis will be putting together "goody bags" for the attendee's and requested any information from each of community's such as pamphlets, tri-folds, magazines, etc. that they would like to put in the bags..

5. **Community Reports:**

Alba- The Sealy Big Bass Splash Tournament will be held at Lake Fork Marina this weekend followed by the Berkley Tournament in October.

Golden- Preparations are underway for the 2018 Sweet Potato Festival. The event is scheduled to kick off Thursday, October 25 and wrap up on Sunday, October 28.

Hawkins- The annual Oil Festival will be held October 13. The school board voted to offer free breakfast for all students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The new city mayor is pushing for a property tax increase.

Holly Lake Ranch- A golf tournament will be held this weekend.

Mineola- The Lake Country Symphony has been rehearsing for upcoming performance. A sing-a-long of "The Greatest Showman" will be held this weekend at the theater. The annual showing of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" will be held the weekends of October 22-23 and 29-30 with each showing kicking off at dark. The Louisiana Canjun Chicken Restaurant has officially opened along with Southern Fried located next door to East Texas Burger in the downtown area. The school district has hired two new source officers. Maintenance on the bicycle trails at the Nature Preserve has commenced and work continues on the railroad park. The annual Iron Horse Festival will be held September 28-29 in downtown Mineola. Wood County Airport will host their annual luncheon October 26 in Wayne Collins' hangar.

Quitman- A ground breaking was held at the new site location for Stitchin' Heaven. It will be located across from the package store on Richards Street. The QDC deeded seven acres to the business which is suited for a 15,000 sq.ft. facility. New restaurant Tony B's, located on the downtown square, held a soft opening last week and anticipates their official grand opening soon. City officials named Lauren Wilcox, executive director of the Quitman Chamber of Commerce, as the new liaison and representative to the Texas Film Commission for the city. Quitman welcomed new city secretary/administrator Andrew Kloefkorn. He and his wife have four children and are moving from the metroplex area. Kloefkorn was employed with the cities of Lewisville and Irving before accepting a position with the city of Quitman. The annual Chamber of Commerce golf tournament will be held September 28 at the Links at Lands End.

Yantis- The school district has hired two resources officers at their campus.

6. **Next Meeting** The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 4, 2018 in Alba. The location of the meeting will be determined and announced later this month.

7. **Meeting adjourned:** A motion was made by Chris Flournoy and seconded by Joanne Wisdom to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Motion carried-unanimously.

Kiki Bettis, Executive Director