

**WOOD COUNTY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

July 9, 2015

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Oak Ridge Marina & Restaurant in Quitman, Texas

The Wood County Industrial Commission met July 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at Oak Ridge Marina and Restaurant in Quitman, Texas.

**Members Present:**

Sue Hitzemann	Lowe Ann Elliott	Dan Kirk	Neal Duncan
JR Simpson	Richard Pearce	Ray Fischer	Ken Donahue
Janna Castloo	Claudeane Sublett	Paul Kelbe	Melanie Whitehurst
Phil Sadler	William Smialek		

**Members Not Present:**

Andrew Rosson	Jeff Croley	Mitzi Pearce	Imogene Davis
Sam Scroggins	Martha Scroggins		

**Others Present:** Executive Director Kiki Bettis; Dana Donahue, Hotel Lodging Representative; Media: Larry Tucker, Wood County Democrat, and guests: Jason LaRue, and Tammy Kelbe.

1. **Call To Order/Welcomes:** With Vice Chairman Sue Hitzemann presiding, the meeting was called to order at 7 p.m., followed by the welcoming of all of the guests and the invocation which was led by Ken Donahue. In Open Forum, Jason LaRue, owner of the Yantis Meat Market, gave an overview of the meat market's daily operation, products and future plans.
2. **Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Paul Kelbe and seconded by Phil Sadler to approve the minutes from the June 4 meeting. Motion carried. A motion was made by Melanie Whitehurst and seconded Janna Castloo to approve the monthly financial report. Motion carried.
3. **Economic Development Application & Guidelines for UCC Funding:** A motion was made by Ken Donahue and seconded by Richard Pearce to approve the Economic Development application and guidelines for UCC funding as presented. 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. **Proposed Hotel/Motel Budget for FY 2015-16:** A motion was made by Neal Duncan and seconded by JR Simpson to approve the Proposed Hotel/Motel Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16. Motion carried. The proposed budget will be submitted to the County Judge and Commissioners Court for final approval.
6. **Proposed General Fund Budget for FY 2015-16:** A motion was made by Neal Duncan and seconded by Melanie Whitehurst to approve the Proposed General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16. Motion carried. The proposed budget will be submitted to the County Judge and Commissioners Court for final approval.
7. **Executive Directors Report:** A list of sales tax permits issued within the month of June and first week of July 2015 were handed out to the board members along with the sales tax allocations for the months June and July. Hotel Occupancy Tax fund letters have been mailed to each of the applicants indicating whether or not they were selected to receive monies for the upcoming fiscal year. A seven minute video entitled "People Behind Skeeter Tournament" was presented to board to show and inform them exactly what goes into hosting a tournament. Also, Ken Donahue was featured on the segment discussing the economic impact these tournaments have on Lake Fork and Wood County as a whole.
8. **Community Reports:**  
*Alba-* Ken Donahue reported that the High School Open Tournament will be held this weekend. Camp Bass, a private fishing tournament for children aged 10-17, was held last weekend at Lake Fork Marina. Roughly 50 kids, from all over the state of Texas, participated in the event.

*Hawkins-* Dan Kirk reported two new businesses opening in Hawkins. Cathy's Corner and Lake Country Cleaners are officially open and located on Farm-to-Market 14.

*Golden-* Phil Sadler reported that things are quiet however agriculture activities are in full swing and lots of hay being processed.

*Jarvis-* Bill Smialek noted that the summer programs have come to a close for the and things at the college are slow at this time however registration is just around the corner and students will be returning to the campus.

*Mineola-* A Rock and Roll Heaven will be held at the Civic Center July 25 and tickets are on sale now. The Taste of East Texas hosted by the Wood County Republican Women's Club will be held August 21 and tickets are \$12. Mineola League of the Arts is hosting several summer art programs for kids. Also, "Max" is playing at the Select Theater this weekend followed by the live performance of "The Fantasticks".

*Quitman-* Melanie Whitehurst reported that the 15U Girls Softball team was headed to the state championship. The Old Settlers Reunion will kick off July 29 and run through August 1 at the Governor Jim Hogg City Park. True Value Hardware is preparing for a "soft" grand opening soon. The Splash Pad is nearly complete. The Quitman/Lake Fork Kiwanis Club will be hosting a special Grand Opening on Tuesday, July 28.

*Winnsboro-* Sue Hitzemann reported a slow start to the month however the city is looking at installing Kiosk for bill payments when the city offices are closed.

*Yantis-* JR Simpson reported a new detail shop opened recently in the city and the Industrial Park is scheduled to be cleared soon.

9. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held Thursday, August 6, 2015 in Mineola; however the location of the meeting will be announced at a later time.
10. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Kiki Bettis, Executive Director