

WOOD COUNTY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

March 5, 2015

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Community Center in Yantis, Texas

The Wood County Industrial Commission met March 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Yantis Community Center.

Members Present:

JR Simpson	Richard Pearce	Ray Fischer	Dan Kirk
Imogene Davis	Sue Hitzemann	Melanie Whitehurst	Claudeane Sublett
Paul Kelbe	Janna Castloo	Mitzi Pearce	Sam Scroggins
Martha Scroggins	Phil Sadler	Neal Duncan	Bruce Sumner

Members Not Present:

Ken Donahue	Jeff Croley	Andrew Rosson	William Smialek
Lowe Ann Elliott			

Others Present: Executive Director Kiki Bettis; Media: Bryan Giguere, Winnsboro News, and Larry Tucker and Brandi Box, Wood County Democrat; guests: Tammy Kelbe and Jimmie Davis.

1. **Call To Order/Welcome:** Vice Chairman Sam Scroggins presided over the meeting in the absence of Chairman Ken Donahue who was undergoing a medical procedure. Scroggins called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., welcomed and introduced all of the guests before thanking Tracy Hatton with Oak Ridge Marina for volunteering to cater the BBQ dinner. Neal Duncan gave the invocation followed by the pledges to the US and Texas flags.
2. **Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Bruce Sumner and seconded by Claudeane Sublett to approve the minutes from the February 5 meeting. Motion carried. A motion was made by Phil Sadler and seconded by JR Simpson to approve the monthly financial report. Motion carried.
3. **Airport Funding:** A motion was made by Neal Duncan and seconded by Martha Scroggins to proceed with painting the two courtesy vehicles at the Wood County Airport. Vote: 12 in favor; 4 against. Motion carried.
4. **Winnsboro Wellness Coalition:** A motion was made by Sue Hitzemann and seconded by Imogene Davis to be a named sponsor of the event for a fee of \$200. Motion carried.
5. **Grant to Fund Local Projects:** A motion was made by Neal Duncan and seconded by Sue Hitzemann to form a committee to allocate Unclaimed Capital Funds for community's usage. Those volunteered to sit on the committee include Ken Donahue, Phil Sadler, Neal Duncan, Dan Kirk, Martha Scroggins, Bruce Sumner and Sue Hitzemann. Motion carried.
6. **Mineola HOT Fund Request- Nature Fest:** A motion was made by Neal Duncan and seconded by Dan Kirk approving to retroactively award \$3,000 of Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to the Mineola Nature Fest. Vote: 12 in favor; 4 against. Motion carried.
7. **Website- Access, Contract, Design, Layout, Renovations:** The board agreed that the Website Committee (Ken Donahue, Neal Duncan, Melanie Whitehurst, Janna Castloo, Sue Hitzemann and Richard Pearce) should meet and discuss the design, layout and renovations of the site. Also, Duncan agreed to give access and train the Executive Director on the website. No action was taken.
8. **Community Reports:**
Alba- Paul Kelbe reported a slow month for the city however they are gearing up for Wild Hogg Cook-off in April.
Golden- Phil Sadler welcomed the sunshine, noting the cold temperatures and snow are not good for agriculture.
Hawkins- Dan Kirk reported a slow month for the city with nothing on tap at this time.
Mineola- The Chamber Banquet is scheduled for March 19 at the Civic Center. A tribute to Frank Sinatra will be held March 21 featuring Carlo D'Angelo. Showing at the Select Theater March 6-8 will be McFarland USA followed by the new Cinderella. Rafael Espinosa has opened a new music business in downtown and has started to put on music shows with the first to be held March 28. Tickets are \$15 and reportedly already sold out.

Quitman- Martha Scroggins reported that the Dogwood festivities are underway. There will be a Street Dance on the downtown square March 28 featuring Don Woods and Clay Thrash. The annual Carp & Buffalo Tourney is set to kick off this weekend at Lake Fork despite the cold/snowy weather. The tourney had to start five hours later than expected however participants will still be fishing 72 hours straight. Also, Oak Ridge Marina will be hosting a free concert March 14 featuring “The Blackbirds” in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day. The Lake Fork Chamber of Commerce will be meeting March 19 at AJ’s and hosting a wine tasting.

Yantis- JR Simpson reported a new Motor Cross Track on County Road 1900.

Winnsboro- Sue Hitzemann reported the Gun Show is set to take place March 13-14. Randy Parrish will be sworn in as the new mayor for the city in May. The city has a new Planning & Zoning Board and the directors hope to continue moving forward.

Yantis- JR Simpson announced that Jerry Miller has officially signed up for his seventh term as Mayor and has not drawn an opponent. He also announced the opening of a new business in the City- Shambliss Pizza, located on the downtown square.

9. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 2, 2015 at Holly Lake Ranch; however the location of the meeting will be announced at a later time.
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Kiki Bettis, Executive Director