

WOOD COUNTY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

April 6, 2017

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Dubya's BBQ

Hawkins, Texas

The Wood County Industrial Commission met April 6, 2017 at 7 p.m., at Dubya's BBQ in Hawkins, Texas.

Members Present:

Sue Hitzemann	Sam Scroggins	Martha Scroggins	Robby Fair
Gerald Elliott	Lowe Ann Elliott	Allene Doggett	Neal Duncan
Dan Kirk	Ben Hudman	Joanne Wisdom	Miste Davis


Members Not Present:

Marcella Smith	JR Simpson	Jason LaRue	Dana Donahue
Ken Donahue	Gary Edwards	Neal Duncan	Janna Castloo
Richard Pearce			

Others Present: Executive Director Kiki Bettis; Media: Bryan Giguere, Editor of the Winnsboro News; and Chuck Roy, Editor of the Community Chronicle, and his wife, Nancy Roy.

- 1. Call To Order/Welcome:** Chairwoman Sue Hitzemann called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Chairwoman Hitzemann welcomed guests and thanked them for attending the meeting. The invocation was led by Gerald Elliott.
- 2. Open Forum:** Chuck Roy, editor of the Community Chronicle, and member of the Swing, Set & Shoot Sporting Challenge that is scheduled to take place in Wood County this upcoming fall. The event, benefiting the Folds of Honor program, will take place on October 27-28, 2017 at Lake Fork, Hidden Lakes Hunting Resort and Lands End Golf Course. The Folds of Honor Foundations helps to ensure no family left behind in the fight to preserve American Freedom. Through scholarships and other assistance, they give back to the spouses and children of soldiers killed or disabled in service to the country. The sporting challenge will consist of teams of four individuals, of whom will shoot, golf and fish. Team entry fee is \$2,000 and there will several additional sponsorships available for communities, organizations and businesses to take part in- All funds raised from the tournament will go to the Folds of Honor Foundation. Roy said he is working on getting some major company sponsors including Bass Pro Shops, Anheuser-Busch, and others. According to Roy there will be several professionals, through the golf and fishing circuits, that will be participating in the event as well and looking to everyone in Wood County, along with the surrounding counties, involved in the event. Roy handed out his contact information for anyone wanting additional information and/or to sign up to be involved in the event.
- 3. Welcome New Board Member:** Chairwoman Hitzemann welcomed and introduced new board member Joanne Wisdom. She is a representative for the Quitman community and filled the vacant seat left by Brad Floyd. Wisdom is owner of Quitman Chiropractic & Acupuncture and has been working full time at the location since 2006. She is involved in various community organizations and looks forward to serving on the WCIC board of directors.
- 4. Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Martha Scroggins and seconded by Dan Kirk to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held March 2, 2017. Motion carried- unanimously. A motion was made by Sam Scroggins and seconded by Gerald Elliott to accept the financials for the month ending March 30, 2017 as presented. Motion carried-unanimously.
- 5. BSA 'Welcome to Beautiful Wood County' Signs:** Neal Duncan presented the board with a proposal asking the Commission to work with the Boy Scouts of America Troops of Wood County to erect signs at the major entry points into the county that would identify the troop and read 'Welcomes you to Beautiful Wood County, Texas.' Each troop would be responsible for locating the property and negotiate terms to erect their sign, as well as design and estimate the cost of their sign. The Scouts would also be responsible for maintaining their sign. Suggested locations for the 'Welcome' signs included the main entry points into the County such as Highways 80 & 69 in Mineola, Highways 14 & 80 in Hawkins, Highways 37 & 11 in Winnsboro, Highways 154 & 37 in Quitman and Highway 154 & FM 514/17 in the Yantis area. Duncan suggested each troop design their own sign and possibly host a contest for such. Gerald Elliott noted that if the WCIC were to take part in this joint project, both the Boy Scouts and WCIC logo should appear on the sign. The board agreed the signs should be uniformed and the Scouts would be responsible for the up keep of their sign. Chairwoman Hitzemann asked for a more detailed proposal and for the subject to be discussed further at the April board meeting.

6. **Executive Session: Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Deliberations about Real Property:** At 7:48 pm Chairwoman Hitzemann called for the board to convene into Executive Session in Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Deliberations about Realty Property. The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:17 p.m. and no action was taken.
7. **Chairman's Report:** Chairwoman Hitzemann informed the board that she will be meeting with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Wednesday, April 26 in Athens to discuss potential projects with WCIC and TPWD.
8. **Executive Directors Report:** Bettis reminded the board the call for HOT Fund Projects has been announced. Everyone should have a copy of the press release-it was forwarded to the local newspapers and radio station, as well as uploaded to our website along with an application. Bettis asked each board member to pass the information along to their local organizations or to contact the WCIC office or website. During the last Commissioners Court meeting (held March 24) the Commissioners voted to rename the Airport to "Wood County Airport-Collins Field". Mr. Collins has been very instrumental in developing the Airport into the valuable asset it is today. It was because of Mr. Collins that Wood County received the award for "Airport of the Year" in 2010. He has served as the Chairman of the Airport board from its inception in 1978 until 2008 and continues to serve on the Airport Board in an Advisory Role. With the recent passing of Mr. Collins' wife and too his health has not been so well, the Airport Board and Commissioners felt this was the best time to present this honor to Wayne. Bettis received a packet in the mail on Monday and it was filled with THANK YOU letters from some of the Winnsboro Elementary kiddos that received books as part of the school's Literacy Program in which the WCIC contributed funds towards the program. Bettis announced her upcoming schedule for the month- April 11 at 1 pm: Traveling to Oakwood to Tour Sanderson Farm Feed Mill. April 28: There will be a Disaster "Mock" Drill at the Wood County Airport. Wood County Emergency Management Coordinator Tully Davidson is in charge of the event.
9. **Community Reports:**
 - Alba-* The city welcomed 2 new businesses to town: Craw Daddy's and Donut Palace.
 - Hawkins-* Several churches along with the Chamber of Commerce will host Easter Egg Hunts on April 8 at the Park. Prior to the Egg Hunt, Hawkins ISD will host a 5k Color Run and everyone is welcome to attend and participate. Also, John Holmes, a former Hawkins ISD student, designed robots to assist with acquiring and fulfilling orders and has merged with Amazon. The size of the fulfillment center was reported to be 1,000 sq. ft. by 1,000 sq. ft.
 - Mineola-* No shows are scheduled for the Select Theater this weekend as Mineola students will be celebrating their Prom at the theater however God Spell will be performing on April 21. The Boy Scouts will host a camperee on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Mineola Nature Preserve. The Dollar Tree and Hibbet Sports are officially open for business. Little Caesar's Pizza restaurant will be coming to town soon and will be located next door to Watkins Insurance Company. Also, Highway 69 is under road construction. The Wood County Airport will host a dedication ceremony on May 13 in honor of Wayne Collins.
 - Quitman-* The Speakeasy Coffee Shop is officially open for business. A new donut shop to be located on Main Street will soon be opening not to mention several chain restaurants and other businesses interested in opening in the downtown area. The annual Special Olympics were held last week and it was huge success with more than 175 athletes participating in the event.
 - Winnsboro-* The Wellness Coalition will host its annual 5k Color Run this weekend beginning at 8 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg Hunt at Walker Park. Professional Wrestlers will host a match in Winnsboro next Tuesday at Lone Republic Steakhouse at 8 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend.
10. **Next Meeting** The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 4, 2017 in Golden.
11. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:37 p.m.



Kiki Bettis, Executive Director