

WOOD COUNTY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

September 7, 2017

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Red Dome Smokehouse in Quitman, Texas

**Members Present:**

Theresa Margos	Dan Kirk	Robby Fair	Sam Scroggins
Martha Scroggins	Richard Pearce	JR Simpson	Allene Doggett
Dana Donahue	Ken Donahue	Shelly Ogle	Ben Hudman
Joanne Wisdom	Neal Duncan		

**Members Not Present:**

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**Others Present:** Executive Director Kiki Bettis; guests, Quitman Mayor David Dobbs and Mayor Pro Temp Randy Dunn; Larry Tucker, News Writer for the Wood County Monitor.

1. **Call To Order/Welcome:** Chairman Dan Kirk called the regular meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
2. **Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Robby Fair and seconded by Dana Donahue to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the August 3 meeting and the financials for the month of August. Motion carried- unanimously.
3. **BSA 'Welcome to Beautiful Wood County' Signs:** Neal Duncan suggested these signs be part of county-wide effort and recommended getting more people involved in the project. Duncan asked to form a committee to look at the past branding study, review the logos and put together a plan and/or list of goals before taking the next step. Duncan agreed to serve as chair and Dana Donahue and Martha Scroggins volunteered to serve on the committee.
4. **Establish Maximum Term Limit for Board Directors in Accordance with Commitment & Principles Agreement:** Bettis presented the board with a copy of the proposed Volunteer Board Member Job Description and Commitment Agreement Form and asked the directors to consider establishing a maximum term limit for members to serve on the board. Bettis informed the directors that she had met with County Judge Bryan Jeanes to discuss establishing an official job description for the Executive Director's position and asked if he and the Commissioners Court would consider implementing a set of guidelines for the WCIC board. It would be formatted in direct line with the government code, county policies and current WCIC bylaws as a way to ensure and increase commitment to the mission and vision of the WCIC as well as understand the expectations of the board directors which would ultimately allow the Commission to run more effectively and efficiently. Bettis also noted that the documents would be a great tool for the various mayors and city councils to utilize when looking to fill vacancies on the board. The County Judge was pleased the idea however stated that the WCIC board is responsible for setting and approving the term limits and asked that the forms be submitted for the September 8 agenda to be approved by the Commissioners Court. Bettis informed the (WCIC) board that the Texas Economic Development Corporation recommends directors serve a maximum of five consecutive terms, with each term set for two years, allowing each director the opportunity to serve a total of 10 years. Without any record of how long each director has been serving on the board nor any limit on terms instated, Bettis said the recommendation could begin with the upcoming fiscal year. The directors opted not to establish term limits for the board. A motion was made by Sam Scroggins and seconded JR Simpson to strike the term limit requirement from the agreement form. Motion carried- unanimously. The board requested Bettis research and put together a 'history' list reflecting each of the directors beginning term date, when they were originally appointed to the WCIC board. Furthermore, a motion was made by Ben Hudman and seconded by Sam Scroggins requesting Bettis to ask the Commissioners Court to table the description and agreement form until October to give the board time to review and propose any additional changes. Motion carried-unanimously.

5. **Community Reports:**

*Alba-* The annual Sealy Bass Tournament will be held next weekend, Friday through Sunday, at Lake Fork Marina. There will be an Antique Car Show in downtown Alba on Saturday, September 23. Alba's Business of the Month was awarded to Guys & Dolls Beauty Salon.

*Golden-* The annual Sweet Potato Festival is right around the corner. The festival will kick off the last weekend in October.

*Hawkins-* All three Hawkins ISD campuses received a "Recognized" rating by the Texas Education Agency.

*Mineola-* There will be a live production of 'Yankee Tavern' held at the Lake Country Playhouse beginning this weekend and wrapping up next weekend. The annual Lake Holbrook Fishing Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 23. The event is hosted by the Friends of Lake Holbrook and all proceeds raised from the event will benefit projects at Lake Holbrook. Residents from the southeast portion of the state had to evacuate from the homes due to Hurricane Harvey and some of them have traveled to the Mineola to stay.

*Quitman-* Construction on the new steak house, "The Den" is coming along and will be hosting a 'soft opening' in November. The City has gained lots of interest in the downtown area since the renovation process started. Renovations to the Junior High and Senior High School campuses are near complete and look great. There will be a 'grand opening' on September 25 for community members to tour the facilities.

*Yantis:* The East Fork Club & Restaurant is under new ownership. Chris Bevill and his wife Brandy recently purchased the business. They have conducted several renovations and upgrades to the building including a name change, to "Neon Moon."

*Airport-* Maintenance to the Airport is scheduled for the week of September 11 through 14 with the re-striping of the taxiway, tarmac and runway.

6. **Next Meeting** The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 5, 2017 in Winnsboro. Location of the meeting will be determined at a later time.

**Meeting adjourned:** A motion was made by Ben Hudman and seconded by Richard Pearce to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried-unanimously.

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Kiki Bettis, Executive Director