

Government Foundation Meeting  
February 3, 2009

Trent Ashby called the meeting at the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce to order at 7:30 AM at the Lufkin/Angelina Chamber of Commerce.

Attendees were Jody Anderson, Nathan Gann, Trey Henderson, Kevin Langston, Paul Parker, Joe Rich, Stephen Raley, Wes Suiter, Dorothy Wilson, Jim Wehmeier, Susie Cardwell, and Trent Ashby.

**Census:**

Dorothy Wilson provided an update on the 2010 census count. The focus is currently on the areas of Lake Sam Rayburn, Kit McConnico Park, Frank Morris Park, and large businesses such as Lufkin Industries. A census trainer has been hired for our area and will go through a training process to be completed around mid-summer. The trainer will then be able to administer training to our local people so we can begin the education process prior to the census. At this time, we can begin encouraging our local minority leaders to the importance of the census and complete participation.

**Economic Development:**

Jim Wehmeier gave a legislative update along with a handout of each of the topics. The issues of most priority were discussed by committee members.

**Appointment to State Boards:**

Trent Ashby reported on the special committee that met made up of Curt Fenley, Stephen Raley, and Trent Ashby. Recommendations were made by this committee and a very successful trip to Austin was made to meet Teresa Spears, Director of Governmental Appointments. It was shared with the committee that some of the boards were in need of "rural" and "female" members. Trent offered applications to anyone present that would be interested in serving on a State board. He plans to present the applications on Lufkin/Angelina County Day in Austin

**Lufkin/Angelina County Day:**

Trent expressed appreciation to all those planning to attend the sessions and reception planned for February 11<sup>th</sup> in Austin.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Vision 2020 Government committee will be on **April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.** at the Lufkin/Angelina Chamber of Commerce Board Room.