

Vision 2020 Govt. Foundation

Meeting Notes

October 7, 2008

Interim Govt. Foundation Chairman Trent Ashby called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM.

Meeting attendees were: Dawn Glover, Kelly Holcomb, Jim Wehmeier, Jerry Huffman, Jody Anderson, Trey Henderson, Brenda Elliott, Jack Gorden, Dorothy Wilson, Mark Dunn, Ray Browning, Susie Cardwell, Todd Kassaw, and Paul Parker.

Trent reported the subcommittee under the Govt. Foundation created to initiate the process of reviewing how to get more Angelina County residents appointed by the Governor to boards and commissions had met and was interested in hearing the Foundation's perspective on their findings. A spreadsheet was distributed that outlined the 10 residents of Angelina County who served on a board/commission and when their term expired. Members of this subcommittee for the first 6 months are: Ashby, Curt Fenley, and Stephen Raley.

The consensus was that a local database needed to be created and kept current that identified individuals who either would or should be interested in serving as a gubernatorial appointee. Everyone was asked to identify 3 people and submit their names to Trent for insertion into a database. It was also recommended that a few key slots of real importance to Angelina County be identified and then matched up with a particular candidate who would be approached to consider the position by a small committee. This process should begin immediately. A trip to Austin to meet with Teresa Spears, Director of the Governor's Appointments Office, needs to be scheduled ASAP.

Jerry Huffman gave a brief update on the Legislative Staff Appreciation Day scheduled for December 2nd and the Lufkin/Angelina County Day in Austin set for February 11, 2009. Jerry encouraged everyone to go ahead and call the Sheraton to book their room.

Jim Wehmeier mentioned that he had received no new suggestions for the legislative priority list after our last meeting. He will continue to work with our consultant, David Pore, in this area and keep us apprised.

As for a census update, Dorothy Wilson mentioned that the City would be coordinating the Complete Count for both Lufkin and Angelina County. She is scheduled to soon meet again with Census Bureau officials regarding this issue, as well as other items that need to be addressed.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, December 2 at 7:30 AM at the Chamber of Commerce.