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Annual Banquet

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP JAN. 12, 1928

The annual membership meeting of the Lufkin Chamber of Commerce was held at the Angelina Hotel the above date, with the retiring officers in charge, President Trout and the officer elect present. President E. L. Kurth and the newly elected directors together with close to 200 members of the organization gathered around the banquet table, which was so well served by the Hotel Management with visitors present from Nacogdoches, Livingston, Houston and other points.

The banquet was opened by singing America by the entire group. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. H. M. Buvel. Immediately following the splendid dinner; President Trout made some very appropriate remarks regarding the work of the organization, thanking the board of directors for their cooperation in helping him to carry on the work for the past two years and making some very important statements regarding the general work of the Lufkin organization. Following his statements, he introduced the new president, Mr. E. L. Kurth; who in a neat little speach stated that he needed and would ask for the united effort and cooperation of not only the directors but all citizens who were interested in the building and bettering of Lufkin. Mr. Kurth commented on the small budget furnished upon which to operate and stated that it would be necessary to have at least $10,000.00 with which to operate the Chamber of Commerce, if we expected to take the forward steps that we so much desired.

Following his remarks the secretary was asked to make a report, which was read and the general financial condition of the organization was shown. A copy of these figures are hereto attached. The Secretary's report indicated a steady active year for the Chamber of Commerce work, and that the losses that had been sustained in the year previous had been largely overcome and that all bills

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and accounts against the organization had been paid, and that the total indebtedness of $300.00 which was owing the Lufkin National Bank was more than covered by the balance of the bank account at this date.

Following the Secretarys report Dr. R. B. Bledsoe was called upon to make some remarks on "Old Lufkin And Her Awakening" He made some very interesting statements regarding the earlier days of Lufkin and what had been done along the line of development during the last several years.

Following Dr. Bledsoe's address, Vice-President, W. A. Collmorgen talked on "New Lufkin And Her Opportunities" and told the story in his peculiar and most interesting way, of what Lufkin was, and is and may be by a loyal cooperative effort on the part of the citizens here. W. M. Glenn added his statement to what had been already given and urging more cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce work in our good city.

Following these addresses, President Kurth called upon several of the visitors among them Mr. A. A. Seale, president of the Chamber of Commerce at Nacogdoches. Mr. Seale spoke very earnestly with reference to the necessity for a stronger financial budget, stating that they expected to raise a fund in their county of around $15,000.00 for the present year, stating that they had hired a County Farm Agent and an Assistant, also a Home Demonstration Agent, besides a colored man working in Agriculture in their county. Mr. Seale stated that this was the line that they were stressing most and probably would be one that Angelina County would have to push, if they continued to grow as they have in the past, in as much as the saw-mill business would be one of the industries that could not be continued in the future.

Mr. Sory, Mayor of Livingston, made some very interesting statements and complimented Lufkin on their unity and the result they

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had obtained from working together, and stated that they wished to cooperate with us to help to build up this East Texas Territory, especially through our own counties.

Mr. Kenney, Business Director of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, made some very plain statements regarding the possibilities of the good work being done by the Chamber of Commerces and complimented the directors and officers on the result of the work that had been done in Angelina County.

Altogether the meeting was a fine success, the largest attended and best that has ever been held and the outlook for the future most hopeful. The meeting closed with a few appropriate remarks by President Kurth, who admonished all citizens to not forget their Chamber of Commerce organization and to join with him heartily in sustaining and carrying forward the work more strongly than ever for the coming year.

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Special Jan. 16, 1928

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
DIRECTORS JANUARY 16, 1928

A special meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber of Commerce Room January 16th, with President E. L. Kurth Presiding and the following directors present: M. K. Ament, W. C. Binion, C. A. Burke, W. A. Collmorgen, I. A. Coston, K. W. Denman, A. M. Glass, J. W. Hawkins, Coke Murphy, R. W. Kurth, N. R. Miller, W. D. Newsom, J. E. Peavy, H. T. Roehl, W. C. Trout, W. L. west, B. L. Zeagler,

This meeting was called for the special purpose of appointing the regular standing committees for the year and to transact any other business that should come before this special meeting. President Kurth appointed the following committees to continue the active work of the Chamber of Commerce for the year 1928 and especially for the purpose of increasing the membership and raising the subscription amount for this work in Lufkin. He appointed two captains for this special work, Mr. N. R. Miller and Mr. R. W. Kurth who were to lead the subscription and membership committees under Chairman, K. W. Denman, who had charge of the special campaign for increasing the membership and bringing the budget up to $15,000.00 in accordance with the motion made by director Denman and supported by director Glass, this motion was unanimously voted by the directors present; and it was thought wise that Chairman Denman with the two captains should go over the present list and the prospective membership for Lufkin to classify and apportion as nearly as possible the amount the various members should contribute, in order to make up the required sum. Chairman Denman stated that he would set a date for the special drive to start and notify the various members so that the work could be put over in a very short time.

After this important matter was disposed off, other matters of interest were talked over, among them being the dairy project for Angelina County and was presented by Director Ament, and it was thought wise that action should be taken regarding this matter at a regular meeting. Director

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Colmorgen stated that he had been advised that parties were attempting to buy up the Jersey Dairy stock throughout the county, which would be a loss to us if it was allowed to be done.

General Civic matters were considered and the meeting was a good starter for the New Year, had a splendid attendance of directors there bing 18 out of the 25 active directors present.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman--K. W. Denman
W. C. Binion
Coke Murphy
C. A. Burke
W. L. West
A. M. Glass
N. D. Shands
R. W. Kurth
N. R. Miller
W. C. Trout
B. L. Zeagler
S. W. Henderson

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman--R. W. Kurth
N. R. Miller
W. C. Trout
W. Walker

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Chairman--W. A. Collmorgen
M. K. Ament
J. L. Cates
J. H. Gibson

INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

Chairman--B. L. Zeagler
N. D. Shands
H. T. Roehl
W. D. Newsom
(E. L. Kurth)

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman--A. M. Glass
I. A. Coston
J. W. Hawkins
Mug Smith

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman--W. M. Glenn
V. R. Smitham
J. E. Peavy
H. W. Ragland

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Chairman--W. C. Binion
W. L. West
I. A. Coston
K. W. Denman

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
1/23/28

A special meeting of the directors of the Lufkin Chamber of commerce was held at the Chamber of Commerce Room Jan. 23rd, at 7;00 O'clock P. M. for the purpose of organizing soliciting crews to visit the citiznes of Lufkin in the interest of increasing membership and enlarging our budget for the Chamber of Commerce work during 1928. Director Denman acting as chairman of the special membership committee made some statements in explanation of the necessity for this campaign and read a number of reports from several towns indicating that Lufkin was way behind most of the towns in making contributions for this Chamber of Commerce work. Almost the entire group of directors were present and they were divided into parties of two and assigned certain territory to cover during the business hours on Tuesday the 24th. Chairman Denman stated that after the drive was completed that the list of members and the amount subscribed would be published to show the public what had been done in carrying on the local chamber of commerce work. A special committee consisting of President Kurth, Chairman Denman and two others were appointed to solicit the special subscriptions from the corporations and larger business interest of Lufkin.

It was also decided that the older sustaining members of the Chamber of Commerce would be allowed to settle their first quarter subscription at the old rate and that the increased subscriptions rate would begin for these older members on April 1st. The group of solicitors were to meet at the Chamber of Commerce office at 9;00 AM Tuesday 24th for the purpose of beginning the special drive for members.

There were present at this special meeting the following directors: Binion, Burke, Coston, Denman, Glenn, Glass, Glenn, Hawkins, Henderson, Kurth, R. W. Miller, Peavy, Roehl, Ragland, Shands, Zeagler.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1/26/28

The regular directors meeting of the Lufkin Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber of Commerce Room, the above date with President Kurth presiding and the following directors present: Ament, Binion, Burke, Collmorgen, Coston, Denman, Glenn, Gibson, Hawkins, Henderson, Kurth, E. L. Kurth, R. W. Murphy, Reavyr, Newsom, Ragland, Smith, West, Zeagler.

The first order of business was that of making a preliminary report on the membership campaign for the Chamber of Commerce, this was made by Chairman Denman and the figures indicated about a 100 percent increase among the individual and smaller contributions to this organization and were close to 100 new members added and the aggregate subscription amounted to $4433.50, This did not include any of the larger subscriptions and a number of the regular sustaining members of former years. The final report will be made later when the Mills and other Industries are solicited and the whole list of subscriptions is gotton together and it is thought that the final figure will come close to the amount sought $15,000.00. One subscription given by Mr. J. F. Robinson for an annual payment amounting to $1.00 was on unanimous action of the board returned to him through Chairman Denman. Another matter was that of the local news publishing a statement that all citizens of the town who had not been solicited and who would be glad to join the active list for contribution might secure membership cards through Chairman Denman, the News or the secretary.

Following these membership matters the agricultural situation was quite thoroughly considered and the project of forming a Home Orchard Clul among the boys of the County and County Agent, LaGrone, who was present was authorized to select -

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twenty of the most desirable club boys in Angelina County and these boys would be furnished nursery planting stock to the value of about $5.00 each, this fund to be furnished by the Lufkin ~~National Bank.~~ Chamber.

Another project of special interest was that of putting on a rat extermination campaign making it county wide, which would cost $50.00 to $60.00 to purchase the necessary poison material to supply the various communities in the county and after due consideration the board directed Mr. C. A. Burke to purchase and distribute 500 lbs. of the necessary material at cost price to the farm people, the expenses to be sustained by the Chamber of Commerce.

Another project of interest to the farmers was that of combating the corn and cane beetle and borer which are causing great loss to Angelina County Farmers. This matter was to be taken up with the agricultural department at Washington and see what could be done to prevent these pests from destroying our corn and cane crops. Other items of interest in connection with the farming conditions was that of hog Production, dairying and those things that are of special interst in carrying on diversified farm interests. In connection with these farm items President Kurth requested that the Agricultural Committee have a meeting at once and be ready to present to the board at the next meeting, giving some definite plans that could be taken up and pushed through by the Chamber of Commerce organization.

Another suggestion made was that of having a banquet and inviting in a good number of the farmers of Angelina County to talk over the interst of all citizens of our county. In connection with this request of President Kurth, Collmorgen Chairman, of the Agricultural Committee stated that he desired to have his committee together at 3;00 O'clock Saturday Jan. 28;

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to make some plans regarding farm improvements. A special committee consisting of Directors Gibson, Ament and Collmorgen were to meet the county court at the first meeting and see if an appropriation could be made for the purpose of employing an assistant to Mr. O. C. Lagrone as County Agent and also to secure a Home Demonstration Agent for Angelina County. A committee also was appointed to look into the matter of widening the right-a-way on the highways ladding into Lufkin and as a former committee had not been active President Kurth appointed the following new committee to act at once by having an interview with the County Court with the idea of interesting them in this necessary project, in order to secure $50,000.00 State money appropriated for surfacing these highway which could not be used until the right-a-way had been extended to 80 ft. on all highways. This committee was to urge the Commissioners Court to undertake this and to notify Mr. Kean of the Highway Department of the action that was being made to carry this project through. In connection with the highway proposition Director West made some statements regarding the Lufkin-Houston road, which indicated that work was being done to complete this hardsurfacing of number 35 all the way through before the National Convention time in June.

Glenn
West
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Following these matters Mr. E. C. Durham of Diboll was present and presented to the board the proposition of locating a large paper mill to be located preferably at Lufkin. A plant that would cost in the neighborhood of six million dollars, this big proposition had been up for sometime between Mr. Durham and others of this territory and Mr. Rockenback, Industrial Commissioner for the Cotton Belt Lines. Judging from the statements made by Mr. Durham the conditions here very favorable and it was hoped that this could be put over.

Another matter presented by Mr. Durham was that of the

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immigration of Mexican Labor into Texas, which is being considered by congress at this time. After due consideration of this matter the secretary was authorized to write a letter to Representative Box at Washington stating that the Lufkin Chamber of Commerce Directors and members and the people generally were greatly opposed to any action being taken that would restrict of bringing in of Mexican labor to be used on the farms in southern Texas, and in the railway services and the general development of the timber lands of East Texas. This letter of protest to be mailed to all representatives from Texas and to the District Chamber of Commerces in the State as well.

The secretary reported the following items of expenses which had been incurred in an advertising way which were allowed by the Board present: $50.00 for road map cards to be furnished at an early date and $30.00 for twenty- 7,000 hundred fans to be distributed among public organizations early in the summer; also $30.00 to be paid the Lufkin Daily News for a one page add during thrift week.

Among the other matters considered was that of the patronage extended to out side industries and especially mentiond that of the Home Bakery which should be sustained rather than buying the necessary bread for our home tables from foreigners. It was suggested and desired that all Lufkin should patronize the Collmorgen and Lufkin Bakery Companies. Another matter was that of extending thanks to Mr. Durham for being present and asking him to frequently meet with the chamber of commerce to represent his section of the county.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2/10/28

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber of Commerce Room, the above date with President E. L. Kurth Presiding and the following directors present, Ament, Binion, Burke, Collmorgen, Denman, Gibson, Hawkins, Kurth E. L. Kurth R. W. Murphy, Miller, Newsom, Peavy, Roehl, Ragland, Shands, West, Walker, Smitham.

After the roll call the minutes of the former meeting were read and approved and reports of several committees called for. Among these was the special committee on securing the widening of the right-a-way on the highways leading into Lufkin. Director West reported as follows on this project: That at the lower end of the county the right-a-way had been practically all secured and that progress was being made on the other sections of the county and that the complete widening of these main highways would be secured in a short time.

The next committee reporting Agricultural made by Chairman W. A. Collmorgen, who offered the following written report: "We the members of the Agricultural Committee recommend that the Chamber of Commerce set aside one hundred dollars to be used at Farmer Banquets as the committee should see fit to hold these meetings."

We the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce recommend that the Chamber of Commerce purchase six pure bred Jersey Bulls to be placed in Angelina County in different communities that those interested in better dairy cattle may be able to secure service from a pure bred bull at a nominal charge".

This report was adopted by the board by the following action an appropriation of $100.00 to be used for banquet purposes in entertaining farmers of Angelina County was moved by Director Murphy and supported by Director Burke. This motion was unanimously adopted. The other project with reference to the improvement of the dairy stock in our county was duly considered and the agricultural committee was authorized to expend not to exceed $900.00 in the purchasing of Registered Marsey

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Males to be placed with responsible farmers in the county and to be used for breeding purposes. The agricultural committee was authorized to select the farmers best suited to care for these males and to take up the matter of purchasing this stock with the best breeders in the state. Director Ament made the statement that it would be necessary to be very particular about having these animals tick ~~free~~ cwune. and carefully handled in order to secure the best results from them, and not to take chances on a loss by their dying from tick fever. The motion favoring this project was made by Director Burke and supported by Director R. W. Kurth and was unanimously voted.-

Another matter of much importance under consideration was that of securing a Home Demonstration Agent for Angelina County. In connection with this project the secretary furnished a letter received from Miss Gertrude Blodget, District Home Demonstration Agent, who stated that it would be necessary for our County Commissioners to act very promptly in this matter and appropriate the necessary funds to secure a place on the waiting list of the counties desiring these Agents. The matter was referred to Director Denman, who was to give this matter special attention and it was hoped to secure the required appropriation at the first meeting of the County Commissioners Court.

Another Agricultural problem mentioned was that of planning and carrying out a Rat Extermination Project, County Wide and a special committee of rat killers composed of Director Gibson, Shands chem. and Burke who were to handle this project and make plans for prizes and the checking of the results of the campaign and the awarding of any premiums that might be offered for the greatest number of rats caught by any community or individual. In connection with these premiums the Lufkin National Bank offered $25.00 to the Community that would kill the most rats during the campaign and Mr. E. L. Kurth stated that he would personally give $10.00, as a second premium.

Another item mentioned by Director Gibson was the necessity for having all lands terraced before the Federal Loan Bank would be willing to

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place loans upon them. Another statement made by Director Ament was that there have been loans made in the county on farm lands that were not worth the amount of the loans placed.

Another item of interest in connection with the agricultural work was with reference to the visiting of the various communities throughout the county by the directors of the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of getting better acquainted with our farm people. This statement ended the agricultural section of the meeting and it was followed by a statement with reference to the proposition made by Mr. Walts, who stated in a letter that he had purchased the Mengel Plant holdings and that he would be in Lufkin at an early date, to either plan for selling this property or putting in some industry to operate it.

A suggestion was made also regarding the necessity for discouraging soliciters and general traveling advertising agents coming into our city. A letter received from Mr. A. S. Sterling, Chairman, of the fund committee for the National Democratic Convention was presented and it was thought best not to contribute directly from the Chamber of Commerce but that each member of the board who desired and any of the citizens of Lufkin who cared to might subscribe to this fund in a personal way.

This meeting of the board was largely attended and one of the most interesting and effective in securing results of any meeting ever held by the Chamber of Commerce Board.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
DIRECTORS 2/23/28

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Board was held at the Chamber of Commerce Room the above date with Vice-President W. A. Collmorgen presiding and the following directors present: Ament, Binion, Burke, Collmorgen, Cates, Gibson, Denman, Hawkins, Murhpy, Newsom, Roehl, Zeagler. In addition to the directors we had Mr. I. D. Bargainer of Clawson present at this meeting.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved when a general talk by the members present regarding the dairy project which was being encouraged by the local Chamber of Commerce and citizens, among those speaking on this subject were Directors: Gibson, Collmorgen, Murphy Hawkins, and others. A number of statements were made with reference to the necessity of securing an especially milk producing stock, in order to improve our dairy herds here in Angelina County. Dr. Hawkins as an additional member on account of his good judgment and ability to say yes and no promptly. It was also suggested that in a registration papers that were furnished on these prospective animals be referred to the A & M College for inspection before the purchase was finally closed. Following this discussion the rat problem was taken up and director Gibson who is on the special rat committee stated that Director Shands was chairman of this committee, instead of himself. Among those who were speaking on this subject were Director Cates, who stated that he had lost much of his melon seed plants and also his peanuts during the past year on account of the numerous rats that infested his fields. It was stated that at a meeting held at the Court House on Saturday 18th, when a specialist Mr. Whitehead from San Antonio was present and gave some statements regarding the campaign as it should be organized. He suggested that the various leaders of the county be invited to

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come together and make definite plans to carry the campaign on through the county schools and other individuals interested in the movement. In connection with this suggestion, the secretary through the aid of Superintendent Walker secured a list of the trustees of the various schools in the county and mailed a letter to each group of trustees calling a meeting for February 25th, at the Court House for the purpose of perfecting this organization, at which time the special committee from the Chamber of Commerce and the leaders from the various School districts would perfect plans for awarding prizes and take care of other matters that might be brought before the meeting in connection with carrying on this campaign.

A brief statement was made by Director Murphy on the highway situation and indicated that a favorable condition exsisted in connection with the improving of the air line highway # 35 direct to Houston.

The industrial committee had noting further to offer at this meeting. The secretary read several communications relative to speaking contest, as being sponsored by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce which the secretary was directed to refer to the city and county superintendents for attention.

Another item was with reference to the lighting of the air port by a New Orleans concern if and when air port was established in Lufkin. After these matters were disposed off a suggestion was made by W. A. Collmorgen regarding the purchase of the present Merchants Association Records and combine that organization work with the Chamber of Commerce. It was thought that considerable expense could be saved and that the organization could be carried on to a better advantage by making this change and a committee of three consisting of Directors, Burke, Newsom and Gibson were appointed to investigate the proposition and see if it could be possible to make this purchase and to see what price would be necessary to pay for it and to report at the next meeting.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
3/ 8/28

The regular session of the Chamber of Commerce Board was held the above date with President E. L. Kurth, Presiding and the following directors present: Ament, Burke, Collmorgen, Denman, Glenn, Glass, Gibson, Hawkins, Murphy, Miller, West, Zeagler and Smitham. We had as visitors Mr. E. L. Bartlett of our city and Mr. R. E. Horton of Houston, representing the Insurance companies of our city.

Following the checking of the members of the board the minutes of the former meeting were read and approved. After the reading of the minutes the matter of planning for parks and playgrounds in Lufkin was briefly discussed and several tracts were mention as being desirable for this purpose; among them being the school ground owned by the Lufkin Independent School District. President Kurth stated that the school board would be willing to least this at a rate of $1.00 per year to the citizens of Lufkin for park property, provided it could be reserved for school buildings in future years. After consideration of this matter it was thought wise by the directors present that it would be better for the city to purchase the tract and own it outright rather than to lease it. However, no definite action was taken regarding this proposition at this time.

The next matter spoken of was that of the widening of our highway right of way throughout the county, as requested by the District Engineer Mr. Maddox, Director Glenn reported that this work was proceeding rapidly and that the request of the engineer would be carried out complete in Angelina County at an early date. Another highway matter of importance was that of opening a road directly into San Augustine County via of Ewing and establishing a river crossing at ~~necessary~~ the most accessible point. At the suggestion of Director

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Collmorgen a special committee was to be appointed by President Kurth for this committee to have as one member Mr. George H. Henderson, who is familiar with the territory. This committee to take a special interest in establishing this road through directly to Chireno from Lufkin. Mr. West reported that the plans for the completion of highway # 35 was practically complete and that the road would be finished very soon.

The next matter of business was the report of the membership and budget campaign, reported by Director Denman, he exhibited a classified list of the membership as it stands today, giving the names and amounts subscribed by the members and it was decided by the board that this list should be published, giving the name and amount subscribed.

The agricultural matters were mentioned especially the boys orchard club, which was being directed by County Agent, O. C. LaGrone. A statement was made that 20 groups of trees had been furnished and delivered to 20 boys in the northern part of Angelina County at a cost of $82.26, including the express. This bill was paid out of the Chamber of Commerce funds, although it had been stated by County Agent Lagrone that the Lufkin National Bank would handle this. Following this report the dairy committee which Director Gibson and Collmorgen are active members stated that they had nothing definite to offer at this time, but that the dairy project was being looked after carefully and the plans for improving the stock of the county was being made.

At this time President Kurth stated that our visitors Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Horton had something to present to the board and that we would be glad to hear from them. Mr. Bartlett stated that he had Mr. Horton here investigating the insurance conditions and asked him to make a report to the board. His statements indicated that fire insurance as carried by ~~the~~ his company had been a

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loss to them for the past five or ten years and he desired some action that would be helpful in changing this condition, stating that he thought that there had been an over amount of insurance written on some risks here that shoud be corrected. The matter of the effieicney of our fire department was mentioned and the general conditions of cleaniness of the city was spoken of and the trouble seemed to be in the over writing of policies on undervalue risks ~~as more than they should be.~~ In the light of this discussion the directors decided to have a committee appointed to cooperate with the local agents with the idea of keeping the amount within the value of the property, this committee was to be appointed by President Kurth and to be a secret committee and that the insurance agents and those interested would be notified who constitute this committee.

Following this matter the discussion of the line of advertisement carried on by the citizens of Lufkin was taken up and it was thought unwise to take page adds in the state papers as had been the custom in the past. The proposition offered by the Post Dispatch for a special issue to be gotten out in the National Convention in June was thought to be an unwise investment for our local people, and the secretary was authorized to advise the Post Dispatch that we would not be interested in this special line of advertising at this time; in as much as there had been two or three such page adds placed in the Houston papers within the past year.

Another matter discussed was that of the Chamber of Commerce organization taking over the management of the Retail Merchants Association, this was reported on by the speciall committee, Mr. Gibson stated that the present secretary of the Retail Merchants Association claimed that the value of the records would be in the neighborhood of $3500.00, it was thought by the directors that the Merchants Association owned all records and that they would not be interested in making a purchase of the

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price named. No difinite action taken. Com - Continued.

The project now being put on in Angelina County in the destruction of rats was considered and the statement made that the program was being carried out fully County Wide through the schools and country boys, Mr. Whitehead and his helpers and that the campaign would go on for six weeks, at which time prizes would be given in cash to the schools and merchandise premiums to the individual boys and girls that were the most effective in catching and killing rats. In order to complete the plans it was necessary to secure a few more merchandise premiums and directors Burke and Gibson were authorized to take up this matter and secure additional premiums. Director Gibson stated that he would furnish a 22 Target Rifle as a first premium to be given to the boy winner in the county and that himself and Director Burke would secure a list of other premiums that would complete the campaign premium list. The Secretary reported that the cash premiums had been arranged for by the following persons and corporations: Diboll Community, Mr. Rutland representing $10.00; San Augustine County Lumber Company, Mr. Gipson $10.00; Long Bell Lumber Company , Donovan $10.00 J. G. Maroney Mr. E. L. Kurth personal $10.00; Lufkin National Bank $25.00, Lufkin Telephone Company $10.00 this would make up $75.00 in cash prizes to be given to the five highest school districts in the county outside the City of Lufkin. Mr. Whitehead was present at the meeting and made some statements explaining the rat killing project and it seemed to be moving off in a very satisfactory way.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
3/22/28

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Directory was held in the Chamber of Commerce room the above date with Director K. W. Denman presiding, in the absence of the president and both vice-presidents ~~which~~ who were out of town. There were present at this meeting the following directors: Binion, Burke, Coston, Glenn, Hawkins, Newsom, West, Smitham and acting president Denman.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved and reports of standing committees called for. The Agricultural Committee of which W. A. Collmorgen is Chairman were all absent from this meeting. This committee being out of town investigating the possibility of purchasing some Jersey Males breeding stock; hence no report was made for this meeting.-. Another item under the agricultural department was that of the Rat Killing Campaign which was reported by Mr. J. M. Hill, Government Inspector in this special campaign work. Mr. Hill stated that the rat destruction organization for Angelina County was functioning splendidly and that some individual rat killers had reported as high as 700 to 1000 Rats each.

Another committee, The Industrial had no report to make at this time the chairman of this committee not being present. The membership committee mentioned the fact that four names had been ommitted from the published list and that these four names would be furnished the news for publication. The publicity committee had notreport to make and the special matter of business concerning the location of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention for 1929 was taken up. It was stated by the secretary that our neighboring town, Nacogdoches had offered to support Lufkin in a contest for this honor, if we desired the convention. We also had requests from the city of Bryan and Port Arthur asking our support in securing this convention for those cities. The action of the directors present was that it would not be wise for Lufkin to undertake to contest for this honor for 1929, in as much as, the time

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was too short to prepare for entering the contest, which would be on at Greenville early in May, hence the secretary was authorized to write the Nacogdoches Chamber that we would not be in the race before 1930 and to notify the other two cities that we would be neutral in connection with this proposition until the time of the convention at Greenville. Other matters mentioned was that of the district meetings to be held at Huntsville and Brenham, if our members, any of them desired to attend any of these district meetings. Also the Foreign Trade Council to be held in Houston April 25th to 27th, was mentioned and if possible some of our manufacturing interests would attend this meeting.

The highway proposition of Angelina County was talked over by Director Glenn and stated that the extra width of right-a-way had been secured in much of the territory in Angelina County, and that the project was still being pushed with the idea of completing this work at an early date. The special committee on investigating the Merchant's Association proposition had nothing further to add to what had been reported at a former meeting.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REGULAR MEETING
4/12/28

The directors of the Lufkin Chamber of Commerce meet at the Chamber of Commerce Room April 12th, with the following directors present: Ament, Binion, Burke, Collmorgen, Cates, Coston, Glenn, Gibson, Hawkins, Kurth, R. W. Newsom, Peavy, Trout, West, with and Vice-President Collmorgen presiding. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved and the regular line of business taken up, which covered a number of interesting features, among them being:

A highway matter as presented by Superintendent H. J. Micksch of the Southern Pacific Lines, in which he suggested a way to improve the under-pass at the crossing of the Southern Pacific Lines just north of Lufkin on the Nacogdoches road. This matter covered considerable expense and after due consideration the directors thought it wise to refer the matter to the district engineer, Mr. Maddox and leave it for the railroad and the highway department to adjust.

The next matter of interest was that of securing the membership tickets for the East Texas Chamber of Commerce members, the quota being 100 tickets for Angelina County. These tickets were in charge of directors Glenn and Gibson and it was thought wise to apportion them to several of our leading citizens with the idea of having them sold in time for a report to be made to the East Texas Chamber of Commerce at Greenville. Among those who were subscribers to this fund was the Chamber of Commerce, for 10 tickets, W. M. Glenn 10 tickets, Lufkin National Bank 10 and others which would make up the total of 100 tickets ~~xxxxxxx~~h the complete quota for this occasion.

Another matter was that of transportation problem to convey the representatives of Angelina County to this convention, and it was thought best to try to arrange for a special pullman or two to be started from Lufkin and to be used as a domitory during the convention days. The secretary was authorized to investigate the cost of chartering

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One or more cars for such a purpose and it was generally thought thought that tickets enough could be sold to carry such a plan through.

Another item of importance was that of securing a Home Demonstration Agent for Angelina County. The secretary stated that a contract had been signed by the Lufkin Chamber of Commerce, W. A. Collmorgen, Vice President and W. C. Hall, Secretary in harmony with the advise given by Director Denman that we might be on the active list at the A & M College, so that an agent could be supplied as soon as the Federal and State money was received. Announcements were made regarding the Forestry Meeting to be held on Friday 27th, of April and also the arrival of the Dallas Good Willers Train, which would be in Lufkin the 17th, for a short stay.

The loans to farm boys purchase of fertilizier which is being handled by County Agent, LaGrone, was brought up and a statement made that around $1,000,00 had been furnished by the banks here for making these loans and that it would require an additional endorser for a further loan of $400,00 to cover the amount required for the supplying of the County Boys fertilizier for the club boys crop. It was finally decided that acceptable endorsements would be furnished and the endorsers would be guaranteed the repayment of any loss sustained in handling this $400.00 group of notes by the Chamber of Commerce in case there was any loss sustained. It was also stated that a list of these notes should be furnished and filed with the Chamber of Commerce Secretary.

The following matter concerning the management of the dairy stock in Angelina County was under consideration, Chairman Collmorgen of the Agricultural Committee stated that eight animals had been purchased at a cost of $744.50 which covered the first cost of the animals and their transportation and delivery to the parties who were to care for them. Thus the dairy line of work was well started in Lufkin and Angelina County. The care takers of these animals were to have a meeting at an early date to decide on the charge for service that would be expected, as this matter was left open for this committee to adjust

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

4/26/28

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors was held at the Chamber of Commerce Room with the following members present: Binion, Collmorgen, Burke, Denman, Glenn, Gibson, Hawkins, Henderson, Shands, West and Smitham.

The meeting was taken up largely by the presentation of a plan of a Building & Loan Organization under the plan of the Houston & Building Loan Association. This plan was presented by Mr. W. A. McElroy, Secretary-Treasurer and General Manager of the Houston Organization. He gave a very clear statement with reference to the management of this concern and stated that it had grown in seven years with starting from nothing and now having four & one half million invested. He presented the plan to the directors present, stating that they had lonaed to home builders or those who occupy their own homes only. That the stock carried for the purpose of making a loan would be one hand one half shares or one third more than necessary to cover the loan, and this would be repaid with interest and principal in a definite number of months. He also stated that as a savings matter that it would cost 50¢ per month per 100 or $5.00 per month on a thousand which would mature in 128 months, making a total payment of $640.00 which would be worth at that time $1,000.00. After making many statements and answering questions from the various directors present Mr. McElroy stated that if agreeable to the directory and if the plan meet with the approval of the individuals that his representatives Mr. Castle and Mr. Ramin would remain here for some days and see what could be done with regard to securing membership for the purpose of not only saving funds for those who desired to use it for this purpose but also, especially, to aid in building homes for those who desired to secure homes or to pay off loans already on homes carried by local capitalists. There was no definite action taken by the board of

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directors, but the opinion seemed to be ~~unanimously~~ in favor of approving of the plan as presented by Mr. McElroy and his associates.

Following the statements by Mr. McElroy and after himself and his associates had retired Mr. Ponish, Director of the High School Band made some statements with regard to what he desired to do in connection with the band work during the summer. His plans was to give some concerts in the city of Lufkin and least once each month, or two if it seemed wise and if alternate week make a trip to some point in the country and give a concert entertainment to the Lufkin Friends who reside in the rural district, these entertainments would be made up of the band music and some addresses by individuals who would accompany Mr. Ponish and Mr. LaGrone County Agent and to take the place of any trade trips or other get Acquainted features that have been used heretofore.

Mr. Ponish stated that the band was out of debt with the exception of about ~~$160.00~~ 140.00 still owing on the back rental charge at the present time they were having no expenses except his personal salary. He also stated that quite a number of the contributors to the band work had been dropping out, and failing to keep up their payments. He hoped that they would be sustained with a reasonable amount during the summer, in order to pay all indebtedness and to do the work that they desired to do in the furnishing of concerts and entertainments and clear all indebtedness at the end of the year.

Other matters mentioned by the secretary was that of the delegates and badges for the East Texas Chamber of Commerce delegation, The Forestry Meeting, to be held at the Angelina Hotel all day of Friday 27th, with a luncheon to be served at the Angelina Hotel at the noon hour. The directors of the local Chamber of Commerce were asked to act as a reception committee to those visiting us from out of town, and to also be present at the luncheon to fill any plates that might be vacant, in case that we were short of visitors.

Several other matters were on the program but not mentioned at this time.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
5/10/28

The time for the regular meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce was the above date, but owing to the fact that the secretary had been absent from his office for several days in attending the East Texas Chamber of Commerce at Greenville.

The notices to the members were late in being mailed, result being the lack of a quorum for this meeting those present were: President E. L. Kurth presiding and the following directors present Burke, Collmorgen, Coston, Gibson, Hawkins and Trout, thus making one short of the quorum.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved with the small correction with reference to the action of the individual members; as to approving the plan of the Houston Building & Loan Assn. in Texas soliciting members here in Lufkin. This was made to read that no definite action was taken by the board of directors in this matter, but quite a number of the individual members present favored the plan as being a good way of encouraging thrift in securing loans in building of homes. Committee reports were called for the Agricultural Committee of which W. A. Collmorgen, Chairman, stated that he had no report to make at this time. The industrial Committee of which Mr. B. L. Zeagler is Chairman, who was not present; President E. L. Kurth made some statements regarding the possibility of securing a crate factory which would be removed from Conroe to our city by Mr. Alexander, formely of Jacksonville. The proposition offered by Mr. Alexander was read, in which it was noted that some additional capital would be required; in order to clear this plant of indebtedness and to make it possible to locate in Lufkin. The amount stated that would be required for this purpose was about $17,000.00 the statement was also made that they would employ 40 people in operating their plant here in the manufacture of crates and baskets. After due consideration the proposition was left in the hands of President E. L. Kurth to take up with Mr. Alexander and see what plans could be worked out to bring this industry to Lufkin. In connection with this enterprise

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a letter was read from Mr. C. M. Walz of Hickman, Kentucky stating that he would be willing to take $4500.00 for the old Mingle Plant site, in our city and the directors generally thought this was a fair price for the property. President Kurth was also to handle this matter and to report at the next regular meeting of the board.

Another matter was brought up was that of a colonizational proposition in which a Chicago representative had been here making a proposition to place several hundred families of foreigners principally Hollanders for agricultural developments, it was thought wise to take no definite steps in connection with this until we had investigated the backing of this party, and learned more of the plans of operating this colonizational scheme. It was suggested by President Kurth that it would probably be just as well to send a representative of our own into the northwest to encourage immigration this way, and thus select those that would be most suitable to take a place in our community as premanent citizens, rather than to have the mixed groups of foreigners come among us. Director Collmorgen stated that he thought it would be splendid to have some good welcome signs upon our highways in the interest of our County, stating that he noticed that our neighborhing people in Polk County had such signs. A suggestion was also made that at the East Texas Convention Hon. Jesse H. Jones of Houston suggested that all cities and towns along the main highways and railroads prepare for the reception of foreign delegates who will attend the convention at Houston in June. He suggested that special committies be appointed to meet the trains and to extend any courtsies possible to make these incoming delegates welcome to Texas. As there was no quorum present no definite action was taken in regard to any of the propositions rendered.

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
5/24/28

The regular director's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber of Commerce Room the above date with President E. L. Kurth presiding and the following directors present: W. C. Binion, Burke, Denman, Hawkins, Kurth, E. L. Kurth, R. W. Newsom, Roehl, and Zeagler. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved and the following matters of business taken up.

A report of the industrial committee made by President. E. L. Kurth with reference to the Alexander Crate Factory project. Mr. Kurth stated that it would require something like $17,000.00 to pay the indebtedness of this industry and probably as much more would be used as working capital. He suggested that a little more time be given to planning the financing of this concern to see what could be worked out in the way of finance assistance for the purpose of securing this plant.

Another item of interest mentioned by the secretary was with reference to the Clay Brick Industry which had been proposed by Mr. A. V. Chapin of College Station, Texas. Mr. Chapin stated that he desired to come to Lufkin and look over the tract known as the Shearer property near the Neches River with the idea of developing this industry here at Lufkin. It was stated that a letter had been written to Mr. R. J. Shearer with reference to this matter and that it would be taken up at another meeting of the board.

Another item of special interest was that of securing the 80 ft. right-a-way for our hardsurfaced State Roads, in which the Assistant District Engineer had advised the Chamber of Commerce that it would be necessary to have this right-a-way so that the surfacing and widening could be carried on throught the whole of Angelina County. Mr. Keene the Engineer stated that they would be through with the Nacogdoches Highway very soon and would want to proceed at once on # 40 leading to Zavalla and also on # 35 leading toward the Neches River. It was decided that President E. L. Kurth and the other members of the board

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would endeavor to encourage the securing of this right-a-way as fast as possible. The present Highway committee which Director Glenn is Chairman was to have the support of not only the board but any other citizens who could be of help in securing this special highway extension of our roads. A special representative of the Chamber of Commerce Mr. R. W. Kurth was to have an interview with Mr. Barge of Zavalla who had refused ~~with reference~~ to the widening of the right-a-way over his property with the hope that this matter could be adjusted satisfactorily.

Another item mentionwd was that of the possible removal of the switching crew and switch engine from yards in Lufkin on the Cotton Belt road, which had been taken up by the Cotton Belt Authorities but which would be continued to operate as in the past according to a letter written to the Chamber by Mr. K. M. Post, superintendent.

Another matter mentioned was that of having a special committee appointed for the purpose of cooperating in the plans of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce work. This request coming from President John D. Middleton of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce Orgnnization. It was suggested by members of the board that the Director W . M. Glenn and councelor J. H. Gibson should act as such committee and if other members were required these two could select more of the directory to make up the committee.

Another item mentioned was that of the conolizations project offered by Mr. Varland of the Federal Reality Company of Minneapolis, Minn this party desiring to bring into Angelina County a number of Holland families for colonization purposes. The directors thought it best not to go into this matter until definite information had been received with reference to the responsibility and reliability of the Federal Reality Company and the secretary was authorized to continue his investigation regarding this matter and report at the next regular meeting.

The directors had as visitors in at this meetihng Mr. Simmons and Agent Woodall who were interested listeners in the proceedings of the

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of the meeting. Mr. Simmons who is a general marketing and organization representative of the Southern Pacific Lines stated that he would be interested in any special work that we desired to put on with reference to poultry sales, encouraging the possibility of the brick plant and the colonizational scheme that had been under consideration. He stated that a Mr. Theo Koch of Beaumont would be a reliable representative for colonizational work in East Texas and stated that he would give us his address.

Another item presented b y the secretary was that of clearing the local Lufkin Band of their indebetdness if the amount did not exceed $140.00. This was made on motion and voted by the directors present.

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REGULAR MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD
6/15/28

The regular meeting of the directors of the Lufkin Chamber of Commerce was held in the Chamber of Commerce Room the above date with Vice-President Collmorgen presiding and the following directors present: Binion, Burke, Hawkins, Henderson, Murphy, Miller, Newsom, Peavy, Roehl and West. We had as a visitor at this meeting District Engineer Maddox. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved and the regular order of business taken up and among the features considered was that of the general highway work in Angelina County and the securing of the necessary widening of the right of way on the various lines, leading out from Lufkin. This matter had been before the special highway committee, of which W. M. Glenn is Chairman, for some weeks and a considerable portion of the necessary extra width of highway had been secured but there still remained a great deal that needed attention along this line that had not been secured. Mr. Glenn was not present at this meeting but Director West, who is on that committee stated that they had practically completed the securing of the right of way south of Zavalla to the County line, there being only one or two in the section who had not signed up; also the right of way through to the Angelina River on the Nacogdoches highway with one exception, but that the necessary territory along number 35 south of Lufkin had not been completed as yet. In some statements made by engineer Maddox, he stated that it would possibly require the condemnation proceedings in order to secure some sections of this highway improvement and that he would suggest that prompt steps be taken to have the matter completed so that the crews now working could proceed with the general work on the other lines out of Lufkin to make them correspond with the road now constructed between Lufkin and Nacogdoches. He stated that the highway department at Austin were advised that the Lufkin Chamber of Commerce had pledged the securing of this extra width and that he hoped that they would be able to comply with the request as made and make a special effort to complete the work desired. In connection

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with this discussion, Binion suggested that while we were securing the extra width on the other lines that we also include the road leading to Alto and Jacksonville which is termed highway # 40. This suggestion was agreeable to all members present and it was thought wise to appoint a special committee to join in the work with the other committee that had been working on this line to, not only attempt to secure this right of way, but to interview the Commissioners Court with the idea of having a viewing committee to Condemn any tracts where the land is refused for highway purposes. This committee to make special effort to push this work as rapidly as possible and to call on any others of the directory or citizens of Lufkin to assist them if they desired. This matter was probably the most important item taken up during the meeting. - Com.-West. Binion Burke.

Other items mentioned was that of the visit to our territory of Mr. J. E. Stanford, Agricultural Director from the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, who was to be here on the 21-22. Also the possibility of having a poultry packing plant which some correspondence with a Dennision Firm indicated that they might open a poultry buying and egg shipping plant here in the fall of this year, with the idea of especially handling turkeys.

Another matter mentioned was that of the Alexander Crate Factory which had been left in the hands of President E. L. Kurth to handle. Mr. Kurth explained through a statement to the secretary that he had advised the Alexander people to dispose of their Conroe Veneer Plant, in order to secure the necessary funds for operating expenses hereat Lufkin, as he did not think it would be wise to loan more than the $17,000.00 required for paying off their indebtedness.

The colonization project being offered by Mr. J. S. Varland, Minneapolis Colonization Agent, was talked over but not thoroughly considered by the directors, as only a few present at the time this was presented, however, it was thought best not to take any definite action with reference to it at this time.

Another item was that of the securing of members in the East Texas Chamber of Commerce of $10.00 each. The quota assigned to Angelina

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County being 100 members at $10.00 each or $1,000.00. Councilor Gibson not being present left a list of the prospective subscribers to this fund with the number of membership they each should take in order to make up this fund. There was no definite action ~~further than this~~ taken regarding this matter.

Another item of interest was that of a letter which was read, addressed to President E. L. Kurth from Mr. G. A. Kelley suggesting that the Chamber of Commerce secure a store building in the new Hotel Addition for the Chamber of Commerce Room, that we would have the advantages in connection with the hotel and be able to have meals served by the Hotel also and have access to the extra dining room as an assembly room when needed. No action was taken regarding this matter.

Another item of immediate interest was that of extending a welcome to the delegates passing on their way to the Houston Convention. It was decided that the reasonable expense of $100.00 might be used in this connection as an advertising feature for Lufkin to be expended for Banners, Cards, refreshments and other things that might be needed. This special welcome to be under the direction of a committee of ladies of which Mrs. J. W. Hawkins is Chairman.

Another item was the need for a sign ~~in~~ at the underpass of the Southern Pacific Lines just north of Lufkin where the Nacogdoches road makes a turn and many travelers were misdirected by going straight on instead of making the turn under the road. This matter should be taken care of by the City authorities and a permanent sign placed at this point to direct travelers. The amount of $25.00 was voted to refund to the Lions Club as a part of the expenses incurred in entertaining the recent representatives visiting Lufkin from Highway Number 40. The whole amount having been paid by the Lions Club which under-took the entertainment of this group of highway representatives.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

6/28/28

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber of Commerce Room June 28th, with Vice-President Collmorgen presiding and the following directors present: Ament, Binion, Burke, Collmorgen, Gibson, Hawkins, Murphy, Miller, Peavy. The meeting was given over largely to the consideration of the securing of the right of way on the various highways out of Lufkin, and Mr. Gibson who has been interested in this work, stated that there had been no definite action taken during the last two weeks. It was thought best however that special committees for each road be appointed and attempt to hurry this matter along as much as possible, especially on highways 35 and 40. Director Gibson was authorized to begin work on highway # 40 with the other members of his committee; Mr. Glenn, West and Peavy and to call for any other assistance that he might need in connection with this important highway improvement. It was hoped that great headway could be made in connection with this improvement on the highways during the next few weeks.

Another matter considered quite thoroughly was that of colonization plans for Angelina County, in which it was disclosed that the members of the board were anxious to have some action taken regarding this matter. A number of them stated that it was the most important thing that we could possibly take up. Mr. Ament stated that it would be one of the biggest things to be put over by our organization. The Secretary stated that Mr. Varland, who was here in the interest of colonization work was waiting and hoping to make some plans that would be acceptable to the Lufkin citizens in connection with bringing in of a group of high grade farmers from the northern States. No definite action was taken however, but it was thought wise to have Mr. Varland meet a number of our farm people and to look carefully over the territory with the idea of working out a plan, if possible to carry through this important project.

Another important agricultural activity considered was that of

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the poultry marketing project, which was being worked up by a Dennison Texas Firm, who were buyers of poultry and poultry projects ~~in~~ ch several points in the State. This matter was left in the hands of the Agricultural Committee and the Agricultural Agent for them to work out if possible. Industrial matters were mentioned among them being a proposition by the American Body Company of Dallas, Texas who desired to locate in some city in East Texas where a supply of timber could be secured and where labor supply and other living and shipping facilities were favorable. This project was being considered by the industrial committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Also a letter received from Mr. Sellars of DeRidda, La. asking for an opening where he could invest in some profitable business in Lufkin. This letter was replied to by the Secretary asking the party to visit Lufkin and look the situation over personally, hoping that he would find what he wanted.

Another item of considerable interest to the Lufkin Chamber of Commerce was that of securing members for the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, the outlook seemed rather discouraging to the special committee consisting of W. M. Glenn, Director, and J. H. Gibson, Councilor for the East Texas Chamber of Commerce Organization. Mr. Gibson being present stated that he would be glad to do all he could to secure the members required which was 100 members at $10.00 or $1.000.00 to be paid to the East Texas Chamber of Commerce as the Angelina County Quota.

This payment is due and payable not later than the 5th day of July.

There were other items on the list for consideration but the hour being late the directors adjourned and left them unsettled matters for attention of the directors at the next meeting.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
7/12/28

A regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Directors was held at the Chamber of Commerce Room the above date with Vice*President Collmorgen presiding and the following directors present: Binion, Burke, Denman, Glenn, Kurth, R. W. Murphy, Miller, Newsom, Trout and West. We also had as visitors Mr. Simmons and Mr. Woodall of the Southern Pacific Lines. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved and the following items of business taken up. Some committee reports called for among them being, one on the securing of right of way of our main highways out of Lufkin which was given by director West. He made a statement that a certain portion of the road leading to Jasper had been recently graveled but the hardsurfaced top had not been put on as there was not funds appropriated for that purpose and he suggested that a petition be forwarded to the State Highway Commission asking for funds to complete this highway by putting on an asphalt surface. The present condition of highway #40 Dallas to Beaumont direct line was mentioned and it was stated that no definite action had been taken by the highway association on this line for the purpose of improving it. It was suggested that Chairman West take this matter up with the officials of the organization and see if some movement could not be started to improve this highway. Along industrial lines there were one or two matters mentioned among them being the prospects of the Alexander Crate Factory coming to Lufkin, also the possibility of a concern called the American Body Company manufacturing Automobile Bodies was looking for a location in this part of the State. ~~These items were~~. These items were being considered by the Industrial Committee and no members of this committee were present except Mr. Trout who was not familiar with this projects. Another project mentioned was that of the local Air port which was reported on by Chairman Glenn of the special Airport Committee. He state dhtat improvements had been made at the Berry Field so that landing would be easily made by any of the air travelers coming this way, and

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that a landing sign was being constructed which was a circle ~~something like 75 or 80~~ 100 feet in diameter and plain enought to be seen at any distance. It was also stated that a wind director and indicator would be placed for the convenience of Air travelers. This air port was being given quite a little publicity through the Dallas Chamber of Commerce andother points in Texas. Some other matters mentioned by the Secretary were with reference to the record of Births and Deaths in Angelina County which had been asked for by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce representative ~~rep~~ Mr. Leopold, the Secretary was authorized to notify Mr. Leopold that these records are kept and have been for years, and that at the present time there are new representatives in each precinct to look after this matter. Another item of interest was that of Outdoor Advertising as proposed by an organization for ~~an organization~~ of Texas and New Mexico Citizens. The secretary was authorized to investigate and see what plans this association had for placing this advertising before approving of the plan by the local Chamber of Commerce. another item was that of securing office space in the new hotel building as suggested by Mr. G. A. Kelly to the President, Mr. E. L. Kurth. A committee consisting of W. M. Glenn, W. C. Trout and Coke Murphy were appointed to take this matter up and present at the next regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. Another item mentioned was that of holding a district meeting for the officers of the various chambers of commerce located around Lufkin to entertain these officers as guests of the Lufkin Chamber of Commerce with the present board of directors as hosts for the invited guests. It was thought best to defer this matter until a little later in the season, when the President Kurth would be at home. During the meeting Mr. Simmons of the Southern Pacific Lines made some statements with reference to assisting in planning for shipping a crop of early tomatos for the coming year. Vice-President Collmorgen made some ~~statements~~ remarks regarding this crop and said he believed it would warrant our farmers entering into this proposition and growing at least 80 acres or more for next year. Mr. Collmorgen also stated that he had attended the Home Demonstration Encampment meeting at

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Livingston during the day and had made an address before the ladies which seemed to be appreciated.

The matter of planning for a colonization project was discussed quite thoroughly and it was thought by a majority of those present if we could secure the assistance of Mr. Varland to represent us as a colonization expert that it would be of value to our community and assist us in settling up many acres of tillable lands. Dr. Bledsoe who came in late to the meeting made some statements regarding this matter, and believe it would be a good movement for the Chamber of Commerce to work out some plan that would be suitable for colonizing lands provided the expenses were not burdensome or that the expense could be cared for through the sale of the lands. This was a very good meeting considering the hot weather conditions prevailing.

Next Meet held 7/27/28

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
8/23/28

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held here at the Chamber of Commerce room August 23, with Vice President Collmorgen presiding and the following directors present: President E. L. Kurth came in late and took over the meeting at the close. M. K. Ament, W. C. Binion, C. A. Burke, K. W. Denman, W. M. Glenn, J. W. Hawkins, R. W. Kurth, Coke Murphy, W. D. Newsom, J. E. Peavy, N. D. Shands, W. L. West. We also had as visitors at the meeting, a delegation of members of the Methodist Church which was represented by their Minister, Rev, Maness also Dr. VanNuys, S. R. Parker, and Dr. Childers. We also had present at this meeting Mr. Ballew, representative of the County Fair. The roll call indicated pretty full attendance at this meeting. The minutes of the first meeting of July were read and approved and as there had been no meetings since the first meeting in July until this one there was considerable business to attend to which had piled up for this session. There were no special committe reports at this time, but other matters of considerable interest were taken up. The extention of the Cotton Belt Railroad for one was memtioned and a delegation to represent Lufkin at a special meeting to be held at Jasper, Texas on the 28, was planned for and led by President E.L. Kurth. The matter of possible railroad strike that might occur in the western states was brought up and a letter read that was written by the Secretary to the Chairman of Board of Mediation relative to this matter asking if possible the strike be prevented by an adjustment of the differences vbetween the railroads and the employees. Another matter presented was that of the change of trains on the Cotton Belt in which a petition had been forwared to Cotton Belt Officials asking that they arrange

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for a train to leave here in the morning and return at night, just the reverse of the present service. This change was asked especially in the interest of our present citizens, Mrs & Mr. Sims and Mr. and Mrs. Satterfield so that they could retain their residence in Lufkin. The reply made from the Cotton Belt stated that they could not see their way clear to make this change as it would effect their express and mail traffic and that they did not think it wise to make this change at this time. Another matter presented by the Secretary was that of the invitation extended to the Oddfellows association of East Texas to hold their next meeting in Lufkin, which invitation has been accepted. Another important matter was that of the local air port which project had been started by the Lufkin Lions Club Feburary 21, 1928 and a committe to investigate and plan for such air port. This committe with W. M. Glenn, Chairman, and the following Lions took up this work: J. H. Kurth, A. M. Glass, M. C. Spivey, S. W. Henderson, J. Shotwell, and N. D. Shands. This committe again considered the matter under da te of May 29, 1928 at which time Mr. J. E. Berry was present at the club and made a statement that he wished to co-operate with our citizens in carrying out this project. There was no statment made with referrence tothe amount of funds that would be expended or who should pay this air Port expense. In June a bill of $26.75 was presented to the Secretary of Lions Club which bill had been o.k.'d by Chairman Glenn. This bill was paid out of Lions Club funds. July 14 and July 30, two other bills of $39.50 and $31.25 respectively were presented and the lions Club did not have funds sufficient to pay these items. The bills were paid out of Chamber of Commerce money. At the meeting on this date, August 23, held by the Chamber of Commerce Board this act of the Secretary was ratified by a vote of the members present.

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Another matter that was considered was that of organizing a J Junior Chamber of Commerce, but after due consideration it seemed unnecessary to plan for this extra organization as it would require the funds from the old Chamber of Commerce to carry on this extra organization and the matter was tabled. The committee on the arrangement for new office space for the Chamber of Commerce were not yet ready to report . Another very important matter that came up was that of the County Fair that is being put on by Mr. Ballew asmanager. Mr. Ballew stated that we was very anxious to have the citizens with him in this very splendid work and he believed that he would have during the five days of the fair an attendance of thirty five to forty five thousand people in our city. In connection with this project it was suggested wise for some member of our directory to sign checks with Mr. Ballew in handling the finances of the fair ~~of the~~ organization. In line with this, a motion was made to have the agricultural committee consisting of W. A. Collmorgen, M. K. Ament, J. L. Cates and J. H. Gipson to co-operate with Mr. Ballew in this fair work and that Mr. N. K. Miller a member of the Directory to be authorized to sign checks with Mr. Ballew in handling fair finances. At the close of the meeting the Methodist representatives with Rev. Maness speaking asked the Chamber of Commerce to assist in the entertainment of the Conference to be held in Lufkin during the month of November. Rev. Maness requested that the soliciting of rooms and general care of the visitors to our city be looked after by committee s selected by the Chamber of Commerce ~~of~~ After due consideration it was voted by the ~~committee~~ Chamber to accept this responsibility and that a special committee from the Chamber of Commerce be appointed by the President co-operate with

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special committee from the Methodist and other Churches which would plan and carry out the program that would be necessary in caring for the five hundred ministers and visitors in our city at this conference time.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
9/13/28

The regular meeting of the directors was held at the Chamber of Commerce room above date with President E. L. Kurth presiding and the following members present or checked as present: G. A. Burke, K. W. Denman, Coke Murphy, W. L. West, present and R. W. Kurth, W. C. Trout checked as present. We also had present with us at this meeting Division Engineer E. F. Maddox and Mr. E. J. Conn.

The first matter of business taken up was that of the extension of the Cotton Belt system to deep water. This report was rendered by President E. L. Kurth, stating that the meeting at Jasper was fairly well attended by a number of citizens from Orange and other coast towns as well as cities North of us. The impression seemed to be, when the right time arrived the Cotton Belt would make this extension which would be approved by all towns on the line. The matter was left in the hands of the Tyler delegation to take up with the Cotton Belt Officials and a later meeting to be held to consider the matter further.

The special on the Airport matter reported on by the Secretary was that a project of the Aeronautic Association at Shreveport in which they were to make a tour of the East Texas Cities, with a charge for a daylight stop of $200.00 for each city visited, or $500.00 for a night stop. It was considered thoroughly and decided that itdwould be impossible for Lufkin to meet the requirments in a financial way to carry this project Although we are greatly interested in the airport development the expense would be more than could be handled at this time.

Another item was that of the Tyler Goodwillers delegation which were to arrive in Lufkin at 2:15 P. M. on Friday 14th. It was suggested that all members of the directors be present at the Band Stand in the City park to welcome these visitors.

State Fair day was also brought up as proposed by the State fair manager the special day was to be October 11th for Angelina County

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It was stated that this date would come in the mist of the local county fair time and it would be impossible for any great number of our citizens to attend on this account.

The next important matter was that on the State Highways leading through Lufkin No. 35 and 40. Engineer Maddox stated that he was right up to the point where it would be absolute necessary for the Angelina County citizens to set the fences back on the right-of-way South toward Houston especially and also No. 40 leading to Beaumont. He also stated that the Highway North toward Alto and Jacksonville No. 40 should be given attention as the right-of-way could be secured cheaper now than in the future. Director West made some statments on this right-of-way matter and stated that they had done everything possible as a committee to secure the right-of-way on both of these lines and that his committee had been before the county commissioners asking for the widening of the right-of-way and setting back of the fences and were told by the court that they had no money to be used for this purpose. Mr. E. J. Conn who was present at this meeting stated that he had between three and four miles on Highway NO.35 in which he was perfectly willing to give the right-of-way providing the fence could be moved backwithout expense to him in as much as the county in all other cases had moved the fences, he thought that it was no more than right that he should be treated as the other land holders. It was disclosed that it would cost about $150.00 to move the fence on this Conn tract and on motion of Director K. W. Denman supported by Director Murphy the sum of $150.00 was guaranteed by the Chamber of Commerce to cover the expense of moving this line of fencing. This guarantee was with the understanding that the matter would be brought up to the court by a committee consisting of E. L. Kurth Director West that we would expect a refund of this amount to the Chamber of Commerce as it was a county matter and not a part of the Chamber of Commerce expenditures to pay for the widening of the highway of our couty. The general feeling among the directors was that

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prompt action should be taken in all our highway work and that the great North and South State Highways through Angelina County would soon be put in first class condition.

The matter of the County Fair was mentioned and Manager Ballew and County Agent La Grome stating that they would need some help in advertising and organizing the committees throughout the county and to induce them to bring in the various exhibits that might be assembled in the various community centers. It was thought best for some individual or two who would give their time to this work and have them visit the various communities meeting with the local committees to encourage them in preparing their exhibits for the county Fair.

Another item mentioned was that of the transportation from down town to the fair grounds. Manager Ballew stated that the 25¢ charge would be excessive for the short drive of ten or twelve blocks ride over our paved streets and it was suggested that a round trip should be made for 25¢ the tickets to be good until used. These matters were left with manager Ballew and Agent La Grome together with the committee to work out and report a plan that would be satisfactory and to present the same to the directors at the next regular meeting.

The next matter mentioned was that of establishing of an Old Peoples & Orphans Home. This project was presented by a colored man from Jefferson, Texas who had the endorsement of Mr. Templex of the Southern Pine Lumber Company and Mr. Gilbert of the same company, Mr. Lon A. Smith member of the State Railway commissioner and other Texas citizens. This project was referred to Director Denman to investigate and to report if the project could be located on the grounds recently purchased by the local Colored Orphan Home just North of town or some other place suitable.

At the close of the session Mr. Shackford of Jasper presented plans for the general advertising of East Texas covering some fifty or more countys asking that the various Chamber of Commerce in these countys

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take a page add each in his magazine which was to be issued early next year. At a charge of #100.00 a page. President E. L. Kurth stated that these matters should be acted on by the publicity committee who had investigated these matters and passed on the project before definite action be taken.

This meeting would have been more largely attended by the directors had there not been a more important meeting held in one of the private homes in the city where Mr. J. H. Kurth Jr. of Louisiana was a guest.

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9/17/28 - 9. am. Special

Special meeting of the committee appointed for the purpose of investigating the possiblity of taking over the Retail Merchant Assoication plant of Lufkin and connect it up with the Chamber of Commerce work for the city and county.

This matter had been brought to the attention of the Secretary by Mr. Fortenbery from Woodville, Texas who of the records and office fixtures from the present owner. It was stated by Mr. Fortenbery he had offered $1000 for the plant as it stands and he purposed if it will be agreeable to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce to conduct his office with the Chamber of Commerce and operate the two projects to-gether.

Directors R. W. Kurth, C. A. Burke, W. D. Newsom, J. E. Peavy and R. N. Miller talked over the matter and decided that it would not be wise for the Chamber of Commerce to make a combination of these two organizations in as much as it might cause dissatisfaction among the farmers and other citizens of the county when reports of credit standing on the collection of unpaid checks or debts was undertaken as coming from the Chamber of Commerce office and the decision was by this committee that it would not be best for the Chamber of Commerce to encourage this sort of united forces if the plant was to be owned by an outside party.

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD 9/27/28

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors was held the above date and with president E. L. Kurth presiding and the following members present: Collmorgen, Cates, Denman, Glenn, Peavy, Burke, Hawkins, And Murphy.

The following line of business was taken up. With referrence to securing a Band director for our city. The Secretary stated that there were four applicants for this position and that the superintendent of the school, Coston, had requested that some action be taken to secure a band director who would teach both the orchestra and brass music. After considering the matter the board thought wise to refer this matter to a committee for special attention and president Kurth appointed I. A. Coston and C. A. Burke as such a committee to take up this matter and secure if posible the band director that was required.

The next item considered was that of the contest being put on by the local Fire Departement in the interest of preventing fires in our city. This contest to be entered into by the variousschools. Prizes offered for the best essays and various posters illustrating the prevention of fires in our community. The contest to be carried on at the county fair and the awards to be made by a special committee of judges selected from the citizens. It was suggested by president Kurth that the Keltys and Long-Bell school be included among the contestants and that the Secretary was authorized to notify pro Grissom of the additional schools contesting.

Another item considered was that of establishing the Ex-Slave Confederate Home at this point. Director Denman presented the matter before the board stating that this instution desired to locate near Lufkin coming here from Jefferson, Texas and that certain parties had offered to purchase 10 acres of land as a home for the oldcolored people. After considerable discussion in which it was decided that -

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several thought it might become a burden to our community and practically all the board voted against the removal of the instution to Lufkin.

Another matter considered was that of moving the Chamber of Commerce office to the new hotel building. Chiarman Glenn of the special committee considering the matter stated that he had some conversation with Mr. Fetty manager of the hotel and that it was understood that the Chamber of Commerce was to occupy one of the new rooms which being completed. On motion of director Glenn supported by director Hawkins a practically unanimous vote was taken for the moving into of the new quarters.

Another item mentioned was that of the farm meeting held during the week and the banquet given the group of farmers and visitors in which it was found that 42 farmers were present at the luncheon besides the other visitors. At this meeting an action was taken as suggested by our county agent Mr. La Grome agricultural agent that the Chamber of Commerce supply special Winter Pasture seed for 10 acres of ground to be distributed over the county in one acre plots. This seed to be paid for by the Chamber of Commerce and given free to the farmers using it. A list of farmers was taken from those present who would agree to plant the seed for demonstration purposes the cost of seed which would be in the neighborhood of $75.00 for the 10 acres to be furnished by the Chamber of Commerce was authorized by the Chamber of Commerce by a vote of the directors present.

The next item wasthat of highway matters in which it was discovered that no special progress had been made in this matter but that the highway widening of right-of-way would be probabley finished as soon as the cotton picking was over.

A request was presented by Secretary from Kenneth Hoskins representative of the Franklin Life Insurance Company who stated that he would have as guests in the city in December about sixty rep[illegible]t-

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representatives men from various states at a conference to be held in Lufkin and asked that the Chamber of Commerce appoint a committee to extend a welcome to these visitors. President Kurth stated that the entertainment committee would act as hosts and give this matter attention.

Another item in this line was presented by President Kurth who stated that the purchasing agents in Texas and adjoining states were to have a meeting in Lufkin at an early date and desired the directors to extend a welcome to them but without any expense to the Chamber of Commerce. Also the announcment was made that the Jasper Good Willers would be in our city on Friday the 28th and director Glenn requested that as much as attention as possible be given to these visitors at this time. President Kurth stated that the best thing that could be done for them would be to invite them to the football game which would be on at this time. It was suggested the Secretary was authorized to call the secretary at Jasper and extend an invitation to visit the football ground and enjoy the game on their arrival.

Another entertainment was that of the presiding Elders during the Methodist Conference should be entertained at the Hotel. President Kurth stated that this matter would be looked after and resevation made.

The fair proposition was not considered as there was no one to present it at this time.

One of the Directors asked about the gas situation and director Hawkins made some statements with referrence to this proposition stating that the Dixie Gas representatives would meet with the city commissioners at their next meeting on Tuesday of next week to go over this gas proposition with the idea of taking over the mains already laid ~~supplied~~ and supply our city with gas.

Another matter mentioned presented by a director Collmorgen was that of securing the cost of Lime Rock for fertilizer purposes and

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the secretary was authorized to correspond with the lime manufactures in the state securing the best prices and rate for delivery of this comodity at Lufkin.

Another item mentioned by President Kurth was that of a special discount being offered to customers purchasing goods in the neighboring city of Nacogdoches. He stated that on the purchase of certain amounts by Lufkin customers from the merchants of Nacogdoches a 10 per cent discount was granted on the purchase. This was though to be a very unfair way of treating the merchants of Lufkin and in order to discover the facts in this case and to prevent the continuation of this underhanded work the following committee was appointed to make invesgitations: Directors Collmorgen, Peavy and Glenn and report at the next meeting.

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD
10/11/28

The regular meetingof the Chamber of Commerce directors was held above date in the Chamber of Commerce room with President E. L. Kurth presiding with the following directors present: W. C. Binion I. A. Coston, S. W. Henderson, E. L. Kurth, Coke Murphy, W. L. West, C. A. Burke.

The minutes of theformer meeting was read and approved and some matters taken up pertaining to the business affairs of the organization, among them being the securing of funds sufficient ~~on~~ To Pay the premiums to the fire prevention winers., $50.00 of this amount was subscribed by the city the balance of this amount about $60.00 was to be paid by funds collected from outside sources and the Chamber of Commerce.

President E. L. Kurth stated he would advance the amount of $15.00 payment to the Keltys School and the Secretary was directed to ask Long-Bell officers to do the same for the Long-Bell School and alos to ask the fire insurance representatives in the city to contribute to make up the balance if possible.

Anohter item taken up was that of taking a page add in the Chronicle which was represented by Mr. Kaiser at this time. After hearing statments made by Mr. Kaiser the board took the matter under consideration and decided that they would not care to investigate in this type of advertising at this time and so informed Mr. Kaiser. Statments made to Mr. Kaiser ~~was~~ were that it would be necessary to treat all other state papers in the same way providing they granted the request of the Chronicle and the Chamber of Commerce did not care to indorse this type of advertising at this time. This action was taken on motion of Director Henderson supported by Director Burke.

Following this came a proposition from Mr. Grayson who is in the city in the interest of taking over the band as director also to consider the instruction of the pupils in the schools. Mr. Grayson

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presented the plan securing of funds by taxations which it was agreed would be a wise way in handling this matter. The final decision of the matter was left in the hands of the regular committee, Burke and Coston, to make a report on the advisibility on this plan and to secure the director desired.

Another item taken up was an amendment to the constitution relative to the Homestead Law as it effects improvements in the city of states. This matter was decided would be left to Director K. W. Denman who was not present at this meeting.

Another item considered was that of the office removal and some equipment for furnishing the new office. Director West submitted some prices on furniture which will be required and in connectionwith the expenditures the finace committee was authorized to act with the Secretary in selecting the necessary extra furniture. The lease submitted by the Angelina Hotel Company covering a preriod of 14 months from November first 1928 was authorized signed and accepted by the Chamber of Commerce directors.

Bills covering the seed purchased for Winter Pasture in Angelina County amounting to about $150.00 one third of which was to be paid by the Texas Power and Light Company. This was authorized to be paid by the Secretary also a bill of $35.00 for post cards which had been purchased for advertising purpose.

The matter of the special precentage which was stated as being offered by the Nacogdoches merchants was mentioned but no action was taken regarding it as no committee members connected with this matter ~~was~~ were present.

Another item mentioned by President E. L. Kurth was that of having a bridge constructed across the Angelina River near Ewing Allowing the San Augustine trade to come direct to Lufkin rather than by the way of Nacogdoches. No difinite action was taken on this project at this time.

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
10/25/28

The last meeting to be held in the old Chamber of Commerce room on North 1st street was held above date. There were present at this meeting 1st Vice President W. A. Collmorgen and the following directors: W. C. Binion, W. M. Glenn, J. W. Hawkins, Coke Murphy, W. L. West, S. W. Henderson, R. W. Kurth, and C. A. Burke.

Among the special features considered at this meeting were the following: a prize given the East Texas Chamber of Commerce members by the Tyler Business College having a value of $100.00 which scholarship was to be presented to some one selected by the board of the Chamber of Commerce This matter was considered and it was thought wise to lay it on the table to be considered at some future date.

A letter was presented by the Secretary, requesting that we select from this senatorial district some one to act as a member of the advisery committee to the State Highway Commission. The following committee was appointed by the Vice President Collormgen to co-operate with other citizens of this senatorial district to make a selection for this special committee, Glenn, Murphy, and Binion was the committee appointed to assist in the selection of this representative.

A brief financial report was given by the Secretary on the recent fire prevention contest entered into by the schools of Lufkin and vicinity. The contest showed there had been 24 contestants in the various essays and posters furnished and that the total expense incurred was $89.50 of which $75.50 was paid through the Lufkin Chamber of Commerce and insurance agency. While Keltys paid $14.00 on the premium for these essays.

Another report made by the Secretary was the expense incurred in securing seed for Winter Pasture for demonstration plots in Angelina County the whole expense incurred for 15 acres being $153.25 of which $51.08 we had been promised by the Texas Power and Light Company making a net expense to the Chamber of Commerce of $102.17 for the 10 acres furnished by the Chamber of Commerce.

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Another matter of interest presented by the Secretary was the expense incurred for new furniture for the new office room amounting to $174.60 which had been approved by the finance committee.

Directors Burke made some statements with reference to securing a local band director. He stated that the committee had decided to retain Mr. Lou Smith. As Mr. Grayson, who appeared before a recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, had incurred a considerable expense in coming to Lufkin, The committee had allowed him 25.00 on his expense which he had incurred in coming.

Another item of interest was that of the entertainment of the club boys and girls during one day at the fair. A statement was presented of this expense which had been paid by the Chamber and resulted in the sum of $121.70 for food and drinks while $65.70 was paid to the Loos Shows for entertainment making a total of $187.40 which was paid for the benefit of the club boys and girls of Angelina County at this time.

Another report rendered by the Secretary was the cash receipts of the fair in which it was shown that a total of 2203.75 was handed by the fair association through the Secretary and that 2053.15 had been paid out leaving a balance of 150.60 in the fair fund.

The highway proposition on No. 40 was presented and it was disclosed that a small strip of territory at Zavalla was blocking the highway force and engineer Maddox asked that some help be given this. A rough sketch map showing that three or four acres of land was involved and after discussion a committee consisting of Directors Hawkins who would select his own assistants to investigate this and plan to release this right-of-way so that this highway could be completed at Zavalla/ Another highway matter considered was that of the Angelina River Bridge road into San Augustine and Nacogdoches Counties, which was deferred to a later date for attention.

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD
11/8/28

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors was held at the new chamber of Commerce rooms above date with first vice president Collmorgen presiding. The roll call indicated a very good attendance for the first meeting at the Hotel building and the following lines of business was transacted.

A report on the special committee appointed to investigate the securing of the right-of-way at Zavalla was called for but Director Hawkins not being present the matter was generally considered bya few of the members present including a visitor Mr. J. E. Walker County Commissioner who was present at this meeting. He stated that he had been securing some right-of-way on 35 and that the work was coming along nicely. He mentioned a few parties who objected to the widening of the highway and among them being Mr. Abercrombie Mr. Dick Warner and another who had not been seen Mrs. Alberry, but it was thought that the parties could be handled by some other members of the board that had some influnce with them.

It was also stated by director West a special committee on the right-of-way would see the county cort regarding the handling of some of these tracts that had not been refused the committee and report would be made by the committee at another meeting.

Another highway matter of much importance was that of Angelina County bridging the Angelina River at Ewing amking a direct line between Nacogdoches county, San Augustine county and Lufkin. This matter was in the hands of Mr. Walker and Mr. Henderson of Ewing who rendered a written report stating that the expense of bridging the river at that point so far as lumber supplies would be supplied by Angelina Hardwood Company and that the residents in San Augustine county would be wiliing to place the piling and tember in construction of this bridge. Commissioner Walker stated that a bridge 100 feet in length had been ordered for this purpose and it would require some money to do the

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construction work and place the bridge in position. After thorough consideration of the matter Vice President Collmorgen appointed the following committee to assist in planning and finding the materials to place the bridge at the desired ~~place~~ location: Directors Murphy, Denman, and Glass who were to take active charge of the project and plan its completion.

Another matter of interest reported was that of the discovering of a"Bentonite" deposit near Lufkin which is said to be of considerable value. County Agent La Grone, who was present, said he would try to secure a sample of this for ananalysis and report.

Other items mentioned were that of the "Masonite" plant which is under the consideration of President E. L. Kurth, for the purpose of using waste materials from the mills in this locality.

Another item was that of the Home Demosnstation Agent of which Director Denman is chairman of the committee would give this matter attention at an early date in order if possible to secure a Home Demonstration Agent for Angelina County for a new year.

The county fair project was also brought up and after considering the matter it was decided that it was a good receration week for the county people and a good get together for all classes of industires and farming operations and that in a general way it is a good thing to have a county fair as handled in the past year. On motion of director Denman and supported by director Burke the directors decided that it would be wise to attempt to put on another county fair during the coming year. County Agent La Graone and Vice President Collmorgen stated that it was time now to start perparations for a fair for 1929.

Another matter presented was that of the annual election of directors that would come in December . A committee was appointed to select candidates to be elected at the first meeting in

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December. This Committee consists of K. W. Denman, Chairman, with N. R. Miller and W. L. West associated who will report at the next meeting of the Directors a list of candidates for directors for the ensuing year from this list 13 to be elected to act as Directors for two years from January 1, 1928.

Suggestions were asked for by the Secretary for our front windows, and it was decided that signs should be placed on the windows to advise the public of the location of the Chamber of Commerce office. Also that the County Agent and Home Demonstration Agent might be mentioned also.

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD
11/22/28

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Directors was held at the Chamber of Commerce room in the Angelina Hotel above date with the following directors present: W. C. Binion, C. A. Burke, W. M. Glenn J. H. Gibson, E. L. Kurth, N. D. Shands, W. L. West, V. R. Smitham.

After roll call the regualr line of business was taken up covering reports of committees. The one having the Highway project in charge, Director West, reported that a large portion of the necessary real-estate to widen highway No. 35 had been secured and that it would not seem necessary to take legal action to secure all that was required for this road. On highway No. 40 the committee of which Director Hawkins was chairman was absent and no report was made. With respect to the Ewing Bridge proposition President E. L. Kurth stated that this matter was all planned and that the bridge would be constructed in due time.

The next matter considered was that of securing a Home Demonstration Agent for Angelina County. It was stated by the Secretary that Miss Blodgett, District Home Demonstration Agent, was in the city at this time and desired to have some definite assurance that the county funds would be appropriated to pay salaries beginning January 1, 1929. The action of the board was that the guarantee of the Chamber of Commerce Officers would stand until the proper appropriation had been made by the county court. It was remarked by several present that there would be no doubt about the appropriation when the new court came into power.

Another item of considerable interest along the industrial line was that of the "Masonite" Plant. A factory intended to use all the waste materials from our saw mills. President Kurth stated that this would be a splendid industry for this locality, if it would be secured for Lufkin.

Another item mentioned was Civic Improvements in the way of planting shurbs and flowers in the yards and the parks of our city, under the direction of a land scape gardener who offered to come to Lufkin from Houston for this purpose.

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Also mention was made of the poultry lecturs, which Dr. LeGear of St. St. Louis was to give on Saturday following this meeting.

The possible increase of commodity rates throughout East Texas was mentioned. Also the change of the Radio Station at Beaumont from a five hundered watt to a five thousand watt station.

We had present at this meeting Mr. Ross and Mr. Tacken representing the Colonial Building and Loan Association of Dallas. These gentlemen asked a letter of endorsement from the Chamber of Commerce relative to their organization which on careful consideration by the Board and the appointing of a special committee to consider the matter reported that they did not consider it wise to give endorsements of this kind by the Chamber of Commerce and especially since they had refused to approve by letter of other associations of this kind in the city. But there would not be any objections to their doing business here on the same bases of the other Building Loan Associations.

Another matter considered was the report of the Nominating committee who made up a list of candidates from which 13 directors would be elected for the ensuing two years beginning January 1, 1929. Copies of this ballot to be sent out to all paying members of the Chamber of Commerce and to be voted on before the next regular meeting which was to occur December 13, 1928, at which time the ballots would be counted and the election announced. A list of the candidates is herewith attached.

Another item considered at quite a late date was that of the perparing of some trade letters to encourage the people to trade with the home merchants instead of spending their money with out of town merchants. Motion was made by Director Shands that such letters be perpared by Directors West and Denman for publication.

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS
Dec. 13, 1928

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Directors was held at the Chamber of Commerce room, above date with President E. L. Kurth presideing and the following directors present: M. K. Ament, W. C. Binion K. W. Denman, S. W. Henderson, E. L. Kurth, Coke Murphy, W. D. Newsom, J. E. Peavy, N. D. Shands, W. C. Trout.

The minutes of the former meeting was read and approved and the regular program for the meeting was taken up. The princpal matters of interest that was considered was that of counting the ballots of the election for 13 new directors for the ensuing 2 years. The committee of tellers, Directors Denman, Trout, Murphy, Henderson and Newsom counted the ballots for New Directors for the ensuing two years and announced the following result: R. W. Kurth, W. A. Collmorgen, B. L. Zeagler, W. C. Binion, C. A. Burke, S. W. Henderson, A. M. Glass, W. D. Newsom, C. B. Richardson, Marcus Gipson, John A Butler, Gary M. Eaves, M. K. Ament. Thirteen members to continue in office for two yearw from January 1st, 1929. The 12 hold over Directors to make up the complete Board for the next year are: I. A. Coston, K. W. Denman, W. M. Glenn, J. H. Gipson, Dr. J. W. Hawkins, N. R. Miller, E. L. Kurth, J. E, Peavy, H. T. Roehl, N. D. Shands, W. C. Trout, W. L. West. The special members for Watson-Walker and V. R. Smitham to remain on the Board as before, making a total Directory of 27 members.

By unamimous action of the Board the sum of $150.00 was refunded to President E. L. Kurth being one-half the Hotel expense incurred in entertaining the Methodist Conference in our city recently. This amount of $150.00 it was thought was a reasonable amount for the Chamber of Commerce to repay to Mr. Kurth, who had settled the entire account.

Another matter considered was that of holding the next regular meeting of the Directors at the Bonner Hotel with a dinner served to the Directors and a few of their friends. This meeting to include all the old members as well as those recently elected and to be held at the Bonner Hotel at

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7 o'clockDecember 27, at which time the election of officers for the ensuing year would be apart of the program. At this final meeting of the Chamber of Commerce it was suggested that each of the committees that have been working with the Chamber of Commerce during the past year be asked to render a brief report of the work accomplished by their group of Directors.

The Committee having charge of securing of a Home Demonstration Agent for Angelina County stated that the present court were not in harmony with the matter and the securing of an agent would have to hold over until the new court January 1st had taken charge of the County work.

A list of the unpaid dues to the Chamber of Commerce was presented by the Secretary and read by President Kurth and it was decided that Mr. Kurth would write a personal letter to each of them and endavor to secure the unpaid items before the end of the present year.

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THE FINAL MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
12/27/28

The last meeting of the year 1928 of the Lufkin Chamber of Commerce Directors was held at the Bonner Hotel above date at 7:30 P. M. with President E. L. Kurth presiding and the following new and old Directors present. Three of the four new Directors were present: Mr. John A. Butler, Mr. Marcus Gipson, Mr. C. B. Richardson; Gary Eaves was not present as he was ill at this time. The old Directors present were: C. A. Burke, W. A. Collmorgen, S. W. Henderson, R. W. Kurth, N. R. Miller, Coke, Murphy, J. E. Peavy, N. D Shands, and Watson-Walker. Besides our Directors we had as guests Mr. J. H. Kurth, Mr. G. A. Kelley, and Mr. Geo. H. Henderson and Mr. D. W. Thompson. These Directors and guests were called together in the dinning room of the Bonner Hotel where a splendid dinner was served by Director Murphy. The only regret being that we did not have more of our Directors present.

After dinner followed the introduction of the guests and new Directors and the reading of the minutes of the last regualr meeting. President E. L. Kurth then made some statements regarding the final meeting and the work of the organization and hoped plans could be made that would improve the general work for the coming year and that the new year will be the best we have ever had.

Following these remarks reports were called for from the various committees where the chairman of the committees were present. That of the membership, chairman K. W. Denman was not present and no report was rendered. The financial report, Mr. R. W. Kurth chairman reported that the present financial conditions were good and that the future looked bright for another successful year. Mr. B. L. Zeagler chairman of the Industrial committee was absent and Mr. Kurth stated that a number of industrial plants and enterprises had been made under consideration and that a considerable time and interest had been given in encouraging our present home industries and others who might be interested in locating here. The committee on Civic improvements, Dr. Hawkins chairman was not reported as Director

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Hawkins was absent. The Agricultural committee chairman W. A. Collmorgen made a very good report on the amount of work that had been done by his committee, specially in the dairy line in which the Chamber of Commerce had invested $900.00 for the purpose of bettering the dairy stock of the county. He also stated that the prospects for the future were very bright and that East Texas generally speaking was in the front ranks of the general activities and probably leading in most of the agricultural lines undertaken in Angelina County. Entertainment committee Mr. A. M. Glass was not present but a statement was rendered from the Secretarys book. An expense of something like $250.00 for the purpose of entertaining several groups of visitors in our city during the past year. Publicity committee W C. Binion was not present and no report was rendered. Neither was W. L. West on the highway committee.

Following these reports the Secretary gave a list of the attendance on the regualr meetings of the Chamber for the past year, indicating the number of times that each Director had been present. This record showed that Director Burke had the highest record of 22 meetings, then W. C. Binion with 19 and Directors Collmorgen, Denman, and Hawkins with the next highest score with 16 times present, followed by Directors West, Murphy, with 14 meetings to their credit, the others including President Kurth ran from 13 on down to one meeting. Altogether the record was very good and a credit to the Directors. The Secretary also requested that the needs of the office to make it more complete would be asome large pictures of our industries of our city and county, also another rung, a cabinet for stationery and five or six dozen fodding chairs. With this additional furniture the office would be a very well equipped for the general work of the organization. The secretary also made a brief finacial statement copy attached.

The nominating speach was really made by the former President S. M. Morris of Longview, who stated in a letter to the Secretary, WI presume, of course, that Earnest Kurth will be re-elected as President of

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Chamber, for no better man could be secured, in fact Earnest has been a great help to Lufkin and Angelina County."

Then followed the election of officers, which resulted as follows Mr. E. L. Kurth re-elected as President, Mr. W. A. Collmorgen 1st Vice President, Mr. C. A. Burke 2nd Vice President, Mr. N. R. Miller treasure, and W. C. Hall Secretary-Manager.

Another action matter presented by the Secretary was that of arranging for the Annual meeting, which on motion of the board was postponed until January 17 instead of January 10 which would be the regualr meeting time. A committee consisting of Directors N. D. Shands, Chairman, John Butler, Simon W. Henderson, were appointed as a committee to have charge of securing a place, establishing the price per plate, and disposing of the tickets necessary to cover the expense that would be incurred. Another committee on program consisting of R. W. Kurth, Chairman, and Directors Burke and Richardson were to arrange the entertainment for the evening. President E. L. Kurth stated that he would be glad to be of help in securing the speakers for the occasion. After the plans had been made for this Annual meeting the Secretary asked suggestions for making collection for the 1st quarter dues and action of the board was that the same rates as in the past would be considered as the correct amount to collect which from the individual members and a committee consisting of the finance committee which R. W. Kurth as chairman should put a notice in the paper advising the members of the action of the board with referrence to the collection for next year.

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REPORT SECT'Y 12/27/28

MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL		277
Members paid in full	202	210 pd in full	
Members paid Part	52		
Members paid none	23		277

SUBSCRIPTION	TOTAL	$10297.50
Paid by 202 Members	$8758.43	
Paid by 52 " part	116.60	
Paid by 23 " none		
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$8875.03
Cancelled and uncollected		$1422.47

Loss on First Quarter Sub.	$401.42	
23 members no payments	(310.00) 298	
uncollected Balance	(711.05)	$1422.47

Sent Statements 12/22/28 $802.07

Special Letters (Collected $39.00) $84.00 Coll from 10 Members

Unpaid----------Refund E. L. Kurth	$150.00
Unpaid Salaries	203.00
	353.00

Cash + Bank $200.90

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD
1/24/29

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber of Commerce room above date with Vice President Collmorgen presiding and the following Directors present: C. A. Burke, W. C. Binion, W. A. Collmorgen, I. A. Coston, K. W. Denman, Gary M. Eaves, W. M. Glenn, A. M. Glass, S. W. Henderson, Dr. J. W. Hawkins, N. R. Miller, J. E. Peavy, V. R. Smitham.

The minutes of the former regular meeting and the Annual Membership meeting were read and approved. Vice President Collmorgen called for committee reports, among them being the report of the Home Demonstration Agent project. Driector Denman stated that plans had been made and the apporpriation necessary to place a demonstration agent in Angelina County had been arranged by the Angelina County Cou rt, that the difference of the $300.00 over the amount appropriated by the County Court would have to be supplied by outside subscription.

A report on the Highway was asked for and in connection with this report Mr. J. E. Walker, Commissioner of Prec. No. 1, being present stated that he needed some help to secure the balance of the right-of-way on No. 35 leading toward the Neches River. He mentioned a few names of those who had not yet released their land and a committee to act as a highway committee for the ensuing year was appointed by Vice President Collmorgen this committee wasDirector J. W. Hawkins, Chairman, Directors Denman and Glenn to assist dommissioner Walker in securing the right-of-way required. Mr. Walker stated that that they did not have funds sufficient in the highway funds used for highway purposes to continue moving fences leading out of Lufkin. Another Highway especially mentioned was that wh which is known as the San Augustine road, in which we were to aske the San Augustine Commissioners to help us build this road through to their city and especial effort would be made to improve the Angelina County Roads. The Secretary was authorized to write to the Chamber of Commerce

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asking them to co-operate with us in building this highway.

The next thing was the action with reference to the fund necessary to carry on our local Band expense in the city and also to pay up the Director for his salary in arrears. After considering this matter a motion was made by Director Glass and supported by Director Binion that $100.00 to be appropriated by the Chamber of Commerce to apply on this indebtness.

The Secretary stated that an order had been placed for Nursery stock for 20 more of our farm boys at a cost of $87.57 this was done at the request of County Agent La Grone, and the trees would be distributed among the farm boys of Angelina County. On motion this bill was ratified and the Secretary directed to pay the same.

Some other matters that were intended to be considered were left open until President Kurth would be present among them being the use of Wooden Singles on Roofing with reference to the insurance rates in the city and also the appointing of standing committees for the year.

A mater of considerable interest presented by Director Hawkins was with reference to the purchasing of a high grade Jersey Male to cost from $350..0 to $500.00. Director Hawkins stated that he would be glad to care for such an animal provided the Chamber of Commerce would make the purchase or he would join a group of citizens and each pay a portion of the necessary cost to secure such an animal. He also stated that he would be willing to pay the express charge on this special male. After considerable talk regarding the matter it was thought best to hold it over for another meeting and have it brought up again for settlement.

Another matter mentioned was that of the membership drive for new members and renewals for another year. It was thought best to defer this also until the next meeting of the Directors.

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD
2/14/29

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber of Commerce office above date with second Vice President C. A. Burke presiding and the following directors present; John Butler, W. C. Binion, K. W. Denman, Gary Eaves, W. M. Glenn, A. M. Glass, J. H. Gipson, S. W. Henderson, Dr. J. W. Hawkins, C. B. Richardson, V. R. Smitham, B. L. Zeagler. Marcus Gipson.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved and following the lines of business matters taken under consideration.

The highway proposition, especially with reference to the San Augustine highway was reported on by the committee, Chairman Hawkins, with Directors Denman and Glenn being present. It was stated that the right-of-way of this highway could be secured very easily without expense and that the land owners along this right-of-way were anxious to have the road improved. It was suggested also that the matter was to be considered with the Nacogdoches County Court with the idea of having them approve of the project and assist in putting it through if possible. It was stated that San Augustine County and the court of San Augustine County were favorable and anxious to do all possible to complete the shorter highway between their good city and Lufkin,

Another item mentioned was that of the fire risk in our city in which shingle roofs had been suggested by the fire department as an unusal risk and an action was taken by the city commissioners modifying the requirment by stating that buildings that were located less than thirty feet apart should have other than shingle roofing. This action was thought would be injurious to the lumber business, but it was thought wise to let the matter rest for a while until our lumbermen could be present to consider it.

A letter was presented by the Secretary relative to the appointing of a fire prevention committee to be a permanent appointment for the year. This matter was to be referred to the secret committee on insurance

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and to be handled by that special committee.

The next matter that came up of special importance was the purchasing of a special Jersey male as perposed by Director Hawkins. After considering this matter an action was taken on motion of Director Hawkins and su supported by Director Zeagler that Director Hawkins was authorized to purchase a Jersey Male registered of the finest stock for dairy purposes cost not to exceed $400..0 and this money to be furnished by the Chamber of Commerce and to be refunded in accordnace with a proposition offered by Director Hawkins statement attached to these minutes made by Director Hawkins.

In discussion the dairy project for our section it was thought wise to have the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce to investigate the use that is being made of the Jersey Males that had been furnished by the Chamber of Commerce and if they were not being appreciated by the local farmers it was thought that it might be well to have the committee consider the sale of them rather than keep them as useless piece of property in the hands of the Chamber of Commerce. This suggestion to be given to the agricultural committee for attention and report at a later meeting.

After this matter was decided the list of standing committees for the year as appointed by President E. L. Kurth were read.

Another matter mentioned by the Secretary was that of the membership in the United States Chamber of Commerce, which had been planned for and we are waiting at this time for statement for dues to remit the necessary amount to complete the membership. The membership drive for local members was deferred again until the next meeting of the Directors, thinking that President Kurth would possibly be present at that meeting and we would make some plans for securing members for the local organization.

The airport at Lufkin was mentioned but no action was taken.

A project for the purpose of introducing visitors to our section was purposed in the erection new white cement sign post at the various street entrances to the city. A cut showing the type of concrete post that could be used for this with a sign suspened form the post this matter was

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referred to the civic improvement committee for attention.

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD
5/10/29

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Directors was held at the Chamber of Commerce room above date with Director K.W. Denman presiding in the absence of the president and both vice presidents and the following Directors present: C.A. Burke, W.A. Collmorgen, K.W. Denman Gary Eaves, A.M. Glass, Marcus Gipson, Dr. J.W. Hawkins, N.R. Miller, J.E. Peavy, C.B. Richardson, V.R. Smitham, W.L. West, B.L. Zeagler, G.A. Kelley, J.H. Kurth. The minutes of the former meeting were read and apppoved and the following matters were taken up.

The committee on airport had no further report to make. Mr. J.E. Berry owner of the airport ground was present and the Secretary read a letter from the Rand McNally people asking for a questionaire regarding our airport, which had been filled out and returned to them by the Secretary

The highway proposition was not under consideration, Dr. Hawkins chairman of tone committee stated that he had no further report to offer at present. Another highway matter was that of improving the Lufkin Houston highway #35 through Montgomery County. A letter having been received by the chairman of the state highway commission Mr. R.S. Sterling of Houston, stating that this matter was under consideration and the money would be furnished by the state for this very important road and the contract would be let either this present month or in June. He suggested that we get in touch with Commissioner Johnson of Tyler and secure his support in connection with building this unimproved section of the high way.

The membership campaign was being continued and the more members would be secured in the near future. A bill for $50.00 presented by Director Collmorgen for caring for one of the Jersey Males for three months during the winter was considered and after some discussion on motion of Director Glass supported by Director Zeagler the bill was ordered paid.

Some other matters presented by the Secretary were as follows:

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A plan for a special letter head for Lufkin to be illustrated with public buildin s and street scenes to be used by the citizens generally as a form for a letter head. This matter would be taken up again when the prices and cost had been obtained. The Secretary also mentioned the coming of the United States Marine Band, which we would expect some representative to consider this at some future date.

Another item taken up was that of the Directory making a trip to Houston on invitation of the officers of the Houston Chamber of Commerce in which they would entertain Lufkin citizens for one day. After asking the Directors individually around only tow out of the 13 stated that they at the present time could attend.

Next proposition considered was securing a furniture factory for our city which was offered by Mr. A.C. Coons from Patterson, La. Mr. Coons making a proposal to remove a plant which is already running. Value of plant estimated around $35,000 with an indebitness of $10,000 upon it. Mr. Coons proposes to move the plant to Lufkin if given a bonus of $5000 for moving expense and furnish him with credit to the amount of $10,000 to clear the former capital stock investment where it is now located. A prospectus furnished by Mr. Coons was presented to the Directors and was referred to Director Zeagler chairman of the industrial committee for investigation before any action would be taken. Director Zeagler stated that he would call the industrial committee together and make a report on this at an early date.