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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
January 13, 1944

PRESENT: C. C. Chambers
E. L. Bartlett
Gary Eaves
S. W. Henderson, Jr.
H. E. Rogers
R. B. Stroud
Houston Brookshire
F. L. Calloway
V. G. Koch
Y. L. Hinson
W. R. Beaumier (guest)
Conrad Deal (guest)

ABSENT: Dr. P. C. Clements
A. E. Cudlipp (out of town)
E. L. Kurth (out of town)
L.C. Martin
J. M. Moore
H. A. Taylor (out of town)
H. G. Temple (ill)
Duncan Warren

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4 p. m. by President Cal C. Chambers, who explained that since there was a great deal of business to be discussed, the minutes of past meeting and the financial statement would be approved as mimeographed.

RATIONING: The first order of business was the discussion of general chairman of War Price and Rationing Board to replace Manager Steve Harmon. A motion by Mr. Henderson and seconded by Mr. Calloway that the directors offer the services of the acting manager to the Office of Price Administration as general chairman of the local rationing board. The motion was carried.

ACTING MANAGER: Col. Chambers explained to the directors present that he had appointed an executive committee of the organization for the purpose of acting on matters of extreme importance and also as a committee to consult pertaining to policy. He stated that the committee had met and discussed the employment of party to replace the manager. At the committee meeting Col. Chambers stated that he had appointed a special committee composed of Mr. D. W. Thompson, Mr. E. C. Durham, and Mr. John Redditt, all past presidents, for the purpose of canvassing

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the field of local prospects and make a recommendation to the directors. Col. Chambers then presented Mr. Thompson and asked that he submit the recommendation to the directors. Mr. Thompson read the following recommendation: "This special hiring committee of the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce composed of D. W. Thompson, E. C. Durham, and John Redditt recommend to the board of directors of this organization that Mrs. Johnnie McConnico be acting manager of the local chamber in the absence of Steve Harmon, granted leave to enter the armed services. This committee recommends that Mrs. McConnico be employed on a month-to-month basis to begin January 15, 1944 at a monthly salary of $150.00 and $25.00 monthly for car allowance. Respectfully submitted by the committee. D. W. Thompson, Chairman; E.C. Durham and John S. Redditt". The document was dated January 7, 1944.

Before calling for vote, Col. Chambers asked each member of the board to express themselves on the recommendation.

CALL

CALLOWAY: We are doing things today that we never dreamed of doing before. I always thought of a Chamber manager being a man, but Mrs. McConnico should be alright for the job.

BROOKSHIRE: I am sure that Mrs. McConnico would get on alright with the retailers.

HENDERSON: Rather have a man, but the field is limited. I have made inquiries about managers and find that they are very scarce. I think that Miss Johnnie is capable and energetic and will do a good job.

ROGERS: Mr. Henderson has expressed my sentiments.

KOCH: This is an opportune time to have an experienced secretary, but I'm told that you can't get one.

STROUD: Miss Johnnie is an outstanding woman, Mr. Henderson expressed my opinion.

LEAVE: A motion by Mr. Henderson that Manager Steve Harmon be granted a leave of absence and that Mr. Harmon be commended for his fine work these past few months. At the request of Mr. Stroud, Mr. Henderson amended his motion to insert leave of absence with two weeks vacation pay. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stroud and carried unanimously.

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MCCONNICO: A motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Bartlett that Mrs. McConnico be employed as acting manager at a salary of $150.00 per month on a month to month basis and that she be allowed $25.00 per month car expense. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIT: Mr. Eaves explained that he would check the books again and be ready with the annual audit for next meeting.

CLASSIFICATION: Mr. Stoud reported for the mebership classification committee and stated that adjustments in the amount of $3,000.00 had been suggested. Mr. Stroud said that he suggested a post-war nest egg for the Chamber, but asked the expression of the other board members. Mr. Henderson expressed wonder at whether to go out with intensive membership campaign and nest egg fund.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Col. Chambers read a list of committee chairmen that he had appointed. A motion by Mr. Calloway and seconded by Koch and Eaves that these appointments be ratified. The motion was carried.

ETCC LUNCHEON: A motion by Mr. Henderson and seconded by Mr. Eaves that the Manager be authorized to pay the ETCC luncheon check. The luncheon was for the out of town guests attending the East Texas Chamber of Commerce Postwar Planning Conference. The motion carried.

PROGRAM OF WORK: Col. Chambers reported on the program-of-work questionnaire sent out to the membership and 50 selected non-members. The Angelina County Airport received top rating by the members and non-members.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M., and the Chairman stated that all board meetings should not last longer than one hour.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
February 10, 1944

TIME: Thursday, February 10, 1944 at 4:00 P.M.

PLACE: Chamber Director's Room.

PRESENT: Cal C. Chambers
Houston Brookshire
F. L. Calloway
Gary Eaves
Y. L. Hinson
L. C. Martin
James M. Moore
R. B. Stroud
H. G. Temple
R. D. Warren

ABSENT: E. L. Bartlett
A. E. Cudlipp
S. W. Henderson, Jr.
V. G. Koch
E. L. Kurth
H. E. Rogers
H. A. Taylor
Dr. P. C. Clements

OTHERS PRESENT: W. A. Welsh
Geo. H. Wells
W. W. Trout
Harry Cain
E. C. Durham
W. R. Beaumier
Sid Scott
Robert Denum
Ned Barrett
Rev. J. G. McMurtry

MINUTES: Chairman dispensed with reading of minutes of previous meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report for the month of January was approved.

BUDGET: President Cal C. Chambers called attention to 1944 budget, copies of which were attached to the financial report. The 1944 budget is for $9320.00.

$3,240.00 is appropriated expense to support activities of the various committees. The balance of $6,080.00 is for operating expense.

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One outstanding item in the budget is $600.00 allotment for Post-War Planning. No special fund was appropriated for this program in the year 1943. The Chamber directors are expecting to expand activities in 1944 in such a way as to conform to post war period.

There being no changes made in the budget, Mr. Moore made a motion for its adoption. Mr. Cain seconded the motion. The directors voted unanimously to adopt it.

COMMITTEES: Col. Chambers asked for action of new committees for 1944. Mr. Warren made a motion that the President approve the 1944 committees. Motion was carried and the President instructed a letter be sent out to each committee member advising them of their appointment as approved by the Board of Directors.

POST WAR PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Rev. J. G. McMurtry made the following report:

"President Cal C. Chambers and Members of the Board of Directors, Angelina County Chamber of Commerce.

At a meeting of the Post War Planning Committee, February 8, 1944, the following members of the committee were appointed as a Contest-Rules Committee: James G. McMurtry, Chairman, W. R. Beaumier, Harry Cain, V. G. Koch, G. H. Wells, together with W. C. Trout and Cal C. Chambers, members ex officio. This committee was asked to make its report to the Board of Directors of the Chamber at its meeting on February 10th.

Members of the Committee, with ex officio member, Cal C. Chambers, met Wednesday morning, February 9th, and after due deliberation formulated rules for the contest as follows (see attached page for these rules).

Publicity on the Contest will be handled by Mr. Beaumier through the Lufkin Daily and Weekly news, with whatever additional publicity he may be able to secure through the Huntington "Angelina County News" and Radio Station KRBA.

The deliberations of this Contest-Rules Committee covered various phases of possible post-war conditions, with a view to adequate coverage of every phase of the contest.

In following the instructions of the POST-WAR PLANNING COMMITTEE as to prizes, the following were agreed upon:

a. SENIOR GROUP: First, $200 war bond; Second, $100 war bond; Third, $50 war bond; Fourth, $25 war bond; Fifth, $25 war bond; Sixth, $25 war bond, Seventh, $10 in war stamps; Eigth, $10 in war stamps; Ninth $10 in war stamps; Tenth, $10 in war stamps.

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b. JUNIOR GROUP: First, $100 war bond; Second $50 war bond; Third, $25 war bond; Fourth, $10 in war stamps; Fifth, $10 in war stamps; Sixth, $10 in war stamps; Seventh, $5 in war stamps; Eighth, $5 in war stamps; Ninth, $5 in war stamps; Tenth, $5 in war stamps.

With no further business devolving on the committee, adjournment was taken to meet at the call of Chairman Trout of the Post War Planning Committee.

For your further information you will note that the prizes in the adult group call for an outlay of - bond, $326.25 - stamps, $40.. $366.25

For the Junior Group - bond, $131.25 - stamps, $50.00 181.25

Total $547.50

APPROPRIATION ADDED: Chamber of Commerce Directors voted to appropriate $250.00 of the total grand prize awards, with the industries over the county contributing the rest.

CONTEST RULES ADOPTED: The Contest plans and rules for the Contest met unanimous approval of the directors and were adopted, same will be called the Angelina County Plan.

RATION BOARD FURNITURE: Chamber Directors voted to return to the Office of Price Administration furniture and equipment now in the office that was previously used by Managers who were performing rationing duties. And that we tender the Rationing Board continued use of the Committee room when needed, as we would anyone else.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
February 22, 1944

MEETING: Directors of Angelina County Chamber of Commerce

PURPOSE: Discuss furniture.

TIME; 4:30 P.M., February 22, 1944

PLACE: Chamber Directors room.

PRESENT: E. L. Bartlett
A. E. Cudlipp
S. W. Henderson
L. C. Martin
J. M. Moore
H. E. Rogers
H. A. Taylor
Houston Brookshire
F. L. Calloway
V. G. Koch
Y. L. Hinson
Cal C. Chambers, President

ABSENT: Duncan Warren
H. G. Temple
R. B. Stroud
E. L. Kurth
Gary Eaves
Dr. P. C. Clements

EXCHANGE OF FURNITURE: Col. Cal C. Chambers explained to the Board the reasons apparent for the Chamber of Commerce not having recovered their own furniture in exchanging with the Office of Price Administration. "It would appear," quoted Col. Chambers,"that when Steve was Chairman of the Rationing Board, the Rationing Board furniture was brought into the Chamber of Commerce and that of the Chamber of Commerce carried to the Rationing Board room; and that at some time, it would seem, O.P.A. officials came to Lufkin and put O.P.A. markers on all the furniture then in the room of the Rationing Board. So when we attempted an exchange, two desks here were taken over along with two tables and two supply cabinets, plus several chairs and we recovered two chairs and several transfer files only as an exchange."

NO CONTROVERSY: Not caring to bicker over the ownership of furniture, Col. Chambers called attention to our need of buying furniture, asking for action of the directors on a list of needed furniture as compiled by the Acting Secretary and the cost thereof as follows:

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M I N U T E S
ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: March 9, 1944, 4:00 P.M.

PLACE: Directors room, Chamber of Commerce office.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:
E. L. Bartlett
Houston Brookshire
F. L. Calloway
Cal C. Chambers
A. E. Cudlipp
Gary Eaves
S. W. Henderson, Jr.
Y. L. Hinson
James M. Moore
H. E. Rogers
R. B. Stroud
H. A. Taylor

DIRECTORS ABSENT:
Dr. P. C. Clements
V. G. Koch
E. L. Kurth
L. C. Martin
H. G. Temple
R. D. Warren

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN PRESENT:
Ned Barrett
W. W. Trout
George Wells
W. A. Welsh
D. W. Thompson
E. K. Crouch
Sid Scott
Robert Denum
Mrs. N. D. Shands

CALL TO ORDER: President Cal C. Chambers called the meeting to order and advised of the necessity of the Chairmen sitting in on these meetings, but realized he could not expect too much of their time. Copies of the minutes were before each director. President Chambers asked for any correction and there being none, Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve them. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. It was carried.

CALENDAR MONTH: Mr. Henderson made a motion for the adoption of calendar month statement , not heretofore practiced. Mr. Scott seconded the motion and it was carried.

BUDGET REPORT: This report of February, 1944 was studied by each present. Mr. Cudlipp reported no convention and entertainment by his committee as yet, consequently the expense of $56.25 was an error. This item will be placed where it belongs, clearing the record as against Convention and Entertainment Committee.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Showed approximately $1,800 total increase from membership drive.

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51 individuals and firms agreed to raise their pledge.
40 firms and 10 individuals declined to raise.
2 firms and 1 individual resigned.
64 individuals - no raise requested.
64 firms - no raise requested.
21 firms - new members.
30 individual new members.

Mr. F. L. Calloway made a motion of commendation to the Membership Committee on their excellent work. Mr. Homer Rogers seconded this motion and it was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CIVIC AND BEAUTIFICATION: Mr. Welsh and Mrs. Shands made an interesting report on their project of the Dog-Wood Trail. Mr. Welsh said that the Committee did not expect their trail to be so good this year, but they are looking forward to the future development elsewhere.

Mr. Welsh spoke of eye-sores to be cleaned up and committees formed to get the job done.

He stressed the forming of a Beautification Foundation such as Shreveport has. With its membership paying dues of $1.00 each, of bulletins going out to this membership giving points on things to do and believes strongest support to come from the garden clubs.

Mr. Stroud made a motion for forming of the Foundation and Mr. Rogers seconded the motion. It was carried.

AGRICULTURE: Chairman E. K. Crouch reported that he was a farmer, running true to form. President Chambers advised him we stood ready to help the farmer and want him to know it.

AVIATION: Chairman D. W. Thompson reported C.A.P. banquet on Sunday with a group from College Station and of plans formulated for forest protection from fire hazards for which Lufkin will be the hub. He reported the airport was being delayed by rains.

CONVENTION AND ENTERTAINMENT: Chairman A. E. Cudlipp reported the Longview Convention--limitation of hotel and transportation facilities.

FREIGHT RATE EQUALIZATION: Chairman W. W. Trout reported no formal meeting of the Freight Rate Equalization Committee. He said he had in mind getting Civic clubs to understand the handicaps. Will do something right away.

EDUCATION: Chairman George Wells reported he had no report on Education Committee as it had not met.

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TRANSPORTATION: Chairman Sid Scott reported no meeting. Waiting to see what Freight Rate would do and then expected to fight them.

FORRESTRY: Mr. D. W. Thompson reported for Mr. Hursey, Chairman of the Forrestry Committee. Said everything was being done to salvage the timber. That small owners and U S Forest Service are to have money with which to do their salvaging, and large companies would do their own. School children are to be educated in the saving of wild-life and trees.

SALARY RAISE OF SECRETARY: President Chambers recommended a raise of $10.00 in Sara Ann's salary. A motion was made for this raise by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Stroud. This raise effective January 1, 1944.

President Chambers told the assembly that it was Mrs. McConnico's own suggestion that she had not used the mileage that was accorded her and was glad to have it reduced $10.00. This amount to be increased if and when needed.

VETERANS HOSPITAL: Mr. Eaves told the assembly of a prospective Veterans Hospital for East Texas as reported to him by Dr. Peters.

Mrs. McConnico reported same had been checked in Washington by Martin Dies and telegram here advising his willing assistance in the matter.

Co. Chambers suggested our proceeding along the lines of securing same.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business, meeting stood adjourned.

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M I N U T E S
ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: April 20, 1944, 4:00 P.M.

PLACE: Directors room, Chamber of Commerce office.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:
Cal C. Chambers
F. L. Calloway
Houston Brookshire
Dr. P. C. Clements
Gary Eaves
Y. L. Hinson
V. G. Koch
L. C. Martin
James M. Moore
R. B. Stroud
H. A. Taylor
R. D. Warren

DIRECTORS ABSENT:
E. L. Bartlett
A. E. Cudlipp
S.W. Henderson, Jr.
E. L. Kurth
H. E. Rogers
H. G. Temple

CHAIRMEN PRESENT:
W. C. Trout,
Ned Barrett
Paul Hursey
George Wells
W. A. Welsh
D. W. Thompson
W. R. Beaumier
Sid Scott
Robert Denum

CHAIRMEN ABSENT:
E. C. Durham
H. J. Shands
Harry Cain
John S. Redditt
Dr. R. W. Taylor
W. W. Trout
W. O. Greene
Arthur Temple, Jr.
E. K. Crouch
Curtis Fenley
Mrs. N. D. Shands

CALL TO ORDER: President Chambers called the meeting to order at 4:00 o'clock P.M., and called attention to the minutes of the past meeting which were mimeographed together with the financial statement of the month of March and before each present. Dr. Clements made a motion to approve them, and Mr. Hinson seconded the motion. It was carried.

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CONTEST COMMITTEE REPORT: Rev. J. G. McMurtry submitted a splendid report of special committee on rules governing the writing and judging of essays in the Post-War Planning Contest and the fixing of prizes in the contest. In all, 121 essays were submitted before the closing date. At this time the Committee began screening the essays according to the rules, with the result that a total of 15 seniors and 19 junior essays were submitted to the Post-War Planning Committee for the final judging.

The two groups a total of 20 winners were the result of this judging. They will receive their prizes at a public meeting in early May. W. C. Trout, Chairman of Post-War Planning Committee and Dr. J. G. McMurtry will secure a speaker for this event. Mr. R. B. Stroud was named a committee of one to arrange for the affair, with Mr. W. R. Beaumier named by President Chambers to handle the publicity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AVIATION: Chairman D. W. Thompson reported on the progress of Burke Airport as having encountered a lot of hard luck because of bad weather, most of the trees were cut; the grubbing had been finished, 476 acre field had been fenced and machinery is on the ground for grading and leveling the runways.

Mr. Thompson also reported a meeting with Nacogdoches representatives in regard to a naval training unit. He reports Mr. Willis of C.A.A. is still strong for Burke Airport and that the feeder airline service will be on the way. Also that C.A.P will soon have a squadron of 50. Mr. Thompson concluded his report with assurance of Aviation Committee keeping behind the Burke project.

CIVIC AND BEAUTIFICATION: Mr. W. A. Welsh, Chairman reported the Dog-Wood Trail as gaining more publicity than anything else so would turn over costs to the Publicity Committee, which was accepted by Mr. Beaumier, Chairman. President Chambers suggested that this item be transfered to the Publicity Committee. Item amounting to $17.95.

Chairman Welsh reported the current clean-up drive as under way and of hopes to accomplish better and continued results. He reported costs to date as against his committee $88.00.

FORRESTRY: Chairman Paul Hursey reported the Forrestry Committee was planning the publication of a forrestry folder of eight pages.

PUBLICITY: Chairman W. R. Beaumier reported the Publicity Committee going into details on our present booklet "Presenting Lufkin" with no changes, only brining it up to date. A folder will be made of thumbnail facts, folders suitable for mailing school children requesting them.

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TRANSPORTATION: Chairman Sid Scott reported a get-together with hardly a quorum. He reported his committee and Freight Rates Committee, headed by W. W. Trout, had approved the Boren bill, which would repeal the land grant rates for shipping on railroads. On behalf of his committee, he asked the directors to go on record favoring the bill, but no one made any motion concerning the bill and the President thanked Chairman Scott for the report, and the matter was dropped.

President Chambers thanked the members for delaying this meeting for his return to the city.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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M I N U T E S
ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
DIRECTORS MEETING

MEETING: Director's of Angelina County Chamber of Commerce

TIME: 4:00 o'clock P.M.

DATE: May 18, 1944

PLACE: Director's room of Chamber of Commerce.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:
Cal C. Chambers, President
F. L. Calloway
E. L. Bartlett
A. E. Cudlipp
S. W. Henderson, Jr.
Y. L. Hinson
James M. Moore
H. E. Rogers
R. B. Stroud
H. A. Taylor
H. G. Temple

DIRECTORS ABSENT:
Houston Brookshire
Dr. P. C. Clements
Gary Eaves
V. G. Koch
E. L. Kurth
L. C. Martin
R. D. Warren

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN PRESENT:
D. W. Thompson, Aviation Committee
Arthur Temple, Jr., Building Committee and Wildlife and Conservation.
W. A. Welsh, Civic and Beautification Committee.
John S. Redditt, Highways and Roads Committee.
W. R. Beaumier, Publicity Committee
Sid Scott, Transportation Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ABSENT:
E. K. Crouch, Agriculture Committee
Mrs. Lillian D. Shands, Civic and Beautification Committee.
George H. Wells, Education Committee.
W. O. Greene, Fire Prevention Committee.
Paul Hursey, Forestry Committee.
W. C. Trout, Post War Planning Committee
Dr. R. W. Taylor, Health and Sanitation Committee.
Harry Cain, Industrial Committee.
H. J. Shands, Public Affairs Committee.
E. C. Durham, Public Relations Committee.
W. W. Trout, Freight Rate Equalization Committee.
Curtis Fenley, Traffic Safety Committee.
Robert Denum, Transportation Committee.
Ned Barrett, Trade Extension Committee.

OTHERS PRESENT:
Max Wortham
W. C. Binion
Garland York.

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CALL TO ORDER: President Cal C. Chambers called the meeting to order and ask for consideration of Minutes, which were mimeographed together with Financial Report and copies of both being before each one present. There being no objections, they stood approved.

Mr. S. W. Henderson moved for the approval of the Financial Report and Mr. Hinson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for its approval.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

HIGHWAYS AND ROADS: Senator Redditt, Chairman of Highways and Roads Committee reported clearing and grubbing on highway #103 had been approved. The surfacing of same from here to Crockett should put #103 in good shape by the end of the year, with plans for a bridge over the Neches.

Senator Redditt reported only small portion of right-of-way deeds for #59 had been secured and pointed out that if the Bureau of Public Roads and the War Production Board should release construction work, we stand a chance of losing the project.

Senator Redditt spoke of funds for a new concrete highway from the Neches River south of Diboll to the concrete south of Lufkin. Also of that stretch from Lufkin to Nacogdoches. He said Highway 69 would be built south of Zavalla. Our difficulty was in our not having right-of-way, deeds on highway 59 and he ask that the Chamber of Commerce suggest ways and means of getting right-of-way. Also that the State Highway Department prepare a master plan of streets and highways through and into Lufkin, plans that will be good for 50 years to come.

RECOMMENDATION: President Chambers ask that some one make a recommendation that the Commissioners Court make a speedy getting of right-of-way. Mr. S. W. Henderson made the motion which was seconded by Mr. F. L. Calloway. It was carried.

MOTION: Mr. Rogers made a motion that we ask the State Highway Department for a master plan of streets and highways. Mr. J. M. Moore seconded this motion and it was carried unanimously.

AGRICULTURE: Resignation of Mr. E. K. Crouch as Chairman of the Agriculture Committee was read. Mr. Taylor moved for acceptance of his resignation and Mr. Cudlipp seconded the motion. It was carried. The President asked the Secretary to write Mr. L. C. Martin asking him to serve as Chairman of the Agriculture Committee.

AVIATION: Mr. D. W. Thompson brought his report up to date as of feeder airlines on the way; of the Patrol meetings on Tuesdays for three hour session, most of whom will soon complete their 25 hour training and will be ready for active duty. Some special training will be given soon by Lieutenant Fischer of College Station.

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BUILDING COMMITTEE: Mr. Arthur Temple, Chairman of Building Committee reported that 30 housing units have been completed, and that there were 40 more authorized for low-cost privately financed housing units, but no requests by anyone to build them.

Mr. Temple spoke of violation of L41, which the WPB proposed investigating.

CIVIC AND BEAUTIFICATION: Mr. W. A. Welsh, Chairman of the Civic and Beautification Committee reported no sweeping changes but some improvement. Of recent meeting in which steps were taken to continue clean-up campaign. Also to establish a Beautification Foundation.

CONVENTION AND ENTERTAINMENT: Chairman A. E. Cudlipp reported that due to limited facilities, there was a lack of activity and suggested the Secretary get us a list of State Conventions.

He stressed the fact that Lufkin had made a focal interest for the lumbering interests and that we were due some show of our appreciation. When he suggested a dinner and was asked to arrange same, Mr. Cudlipp made a formal motion for the entertainment of the Mill concerns. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion and it was carried. The date was set for meeting on Saturday, June 10th.

INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE: Chairman S. W. Henderson stated that this Committee had not seen any reasons for meeting and he invited any suggestions of any thing to be done. He reported no knowledge of concerns coming here. He further stated that we want all of the industries that we could bring here.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Vice Chairman H. A. Taylor reported meeting planned with merchants Friday night to discuss feasibility of Hospitality House and he expressed a desire that all the Directors attend.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Chairman Beaumier reported Fourth Annual Meeting and Free Barbecue.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Chairman Sid Scott read a report on Boren Bill from Chamber of Commerce at Washington recommending that the various Chamber of Commerce's stage their opinion and presented a drawn up resolution as favoring repeal of land grants which were pointed out as destructive of economy; unfair competively and causing much litigation and asked that we adopt this resolution (attached to report).

Mr. Stroud moved for this resolution being adopted and Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Stroud announced joint meeting of Lion and Rotary Clubs May 29th on which occasion prizes recently won in the Post War Contest will be awarded. Mr. P. B. Doty of Beaumont will be speaker. All members of the Chamber of Commerce are invited.

Mr. Taylor announced letter from Mr. Harrison concerning District

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#5 of East Texas Chamber of Commerce meeting at Livingston on May 30th and urged Directors to go since matters of importance were to be discussed.

FOREST FESTIVAL: Mr. Beaumier explained that these grounds had been leased, the files and papers as having been kept in pretty bad condition for past two years and offered to take same to his office. The President accepted this offer.

SALE OF ADDRESSOGRAPH: The Secretary told the Directors of Rev. Wilson, pastor of Methodist Church, asking the privilege of buying the Addressograph. Same not being in use since the Forest Festival days. Mr. Calloway made motion Secretary sell this machine for $25.00. Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. It was carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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M I N U T E S
ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
May 29, 1944

The Directors of the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce met upon call of the President in a special meeting Monday evening, May 29, 1944.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by the President, Cal C. Chambers, with the following Directors present: F. L. Calloway, Cal C. Chambers, Dr. P. C. Clements, A. E. Cudlipp, Gary Eaves, Y. L. Hinson, V. G. Koch, James M. Moore, H. E. Rogers, R. B. Stroud, H. A. Taylor and R. D. Warren. Also present were past presidents E. C. Durham, Curtis W. Fenley and Dave Thompson.

Mr. Durham, as Chairman of the Public Affairs Relations Committee, reported that the campaign to raise funds for the reception center, or so called hospitality house, had succeeded even better than had been anticipated. Mr. Bill Martin devoted all week to calling upon merchants and secured subscriptions totaling approximately $300.00 per month toward this project. Colonel Chambers secured subscriptions totaling $100.00 per month from the industries of Lufkin.

A lease has been executed with Mr. C. C. Vinson covering the store building formerly occupied by Tipton Saddle Company, 216 Lufkin Ave, on Court House Square, two doors from the City Hall, at a rental of $80.00 per month, from June 1 to December 31, 1944, inclusive, with an option of renewal on the same terms for an additional twelve months.

A building committee consisting of Bob Stroud, Chairman, Herman Taylor and Arthur Temple, has already started fixing up the building. Painting has been done and plumbers will begin in a day or two to install fixtures for the toilet rooms.

Upon motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hinson, it was unanimously voted to appropriate an amount not to exceed $500.00 to be placed at the disposal of the building committee to take care of alterations, plumbing work, painting, etc, as may be needed.

Mr. Durham recommended the employment of a full time hostess who would be in charge of the reception center and nominated Mrs. Rose Moss for the position.

Upon motion of Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mr. Eaves, Mrs. Moss was unanimously elected hostess until December 31, 1944 at a salary of $100.00 per month.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Cal C. Chambers
President

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M I N U T E S
ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
June 22, 1944

MEETING: Directors of Angelina County Chamber of Commerce

TIME: 4:00 o'clock P.M.

DATE: June 22, 1944.

PLACE: Directors room of Chamber of Commerce.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Cal C. Chambers, President
Gary Eaves
S. W. Henderson
Y. L. Hinson
L. C. Martin
James M. Moore
H. E. Rogers
H. A. Taylor

DIRECTORS ABSENT: E. L. Bartlett
Houston Brookshire
F. L. Calloway
Dr. P. C. Clements
A. E. Cudlipp
V. G. Koch
E. L. Kurth
R. B. Stroud
H. G. Temple
R. D. Warren

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN PRESENT:
E. C. Durham, Chairman Public Relations Committee.
W. A. Welsh, Chairman Civic & Beautification Committee.
Arthur Temple, Chairman Building Committee and Wildlife Conservation Committee.
D. W. Thompson, Aviation Committee.
W. C. Trout, Post War Planning Committee.
W. R. Beaumier, Publicity Committee.
Sid Scott, Transportation Committee.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ABSENT:
Ned Barrett, Trade Extension Committee.
H. J. Shands, Public Affairs Committee.
Harry Cain, Industrial Committee.
John S. Redditt, Highways and Roads Committee.
Dr. R. W. Taylor, Health and Sanitation Committee.
Paul Hursey, Forestry Committee.
W. W. Trout, Freight Rate Equalization Committee.
W. O. Greene, Fire Prevention Committee.
George Wells, Education Committee.
Curtis Fenley, Traffic Safety Committee.
Robert Denum, Transportation Committee.

CALL TO ORDER: President Cal C. Chambers called the meeting to order and stated that the minutes, which were mimeographed and a

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copy before each director, be considered and if there were no changes, they would stand approved.

Col. Chambers called attention to mimeographed Financial Statement, which was now a calendar monthly statement. He asked for any corrections. There being none, Mr. Rogers made a motion for its adoption. Mr. Moore seconded this motion and it was carried.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS:

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE: Chairman L. C. Martin reported on the potato movement as amounting to one third more this year over 1943, which is very timely in view of the need of feed. He also reported a successful barbecue at Hudson Experiment Station and reported a Herford Auction Sale for February anticipating sixty or seventy breeders will bring their cattle here. Among the highlights of Mr. Martins report was the assurance of a Livestock Auction Ring, same ready to swing into action as soon as the land could be procured. Lumber for stalls has already been assured from Clyde Jordan Gin near Red Town.

AVIATION COMMITTEE: Chairman D. W. Thompson reported on the Burke Airport. He said present contract lacks ten days being complete. The Fort Worth Engineers are on the ground. As soon as contractors are through, the C.A.A. will list the air port for larger planes.

The training crew membership has increased to 45 and there are hopes of a squadron of 50.

Mr. Thompson reported training planes to be obtained and that the whole project was coming along as well as could be expected.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Chairman Arthur Temple reported there were available 40 priorities that were not called for. Mr. Temple said the swimming pool contract was being negotiated and that the Hospitality House work would be completed by July 1st.

CIVIC AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Chairman Welsh mentioned the last Civic and Beautification Committee meeting, discussing specifically the beautifying of the city and planning on securing the services of a Landscape Architect. He spoke of the organization of the Beautification Foundation, as a project we hope soon to get going and Mr. Royle was designated as a committee of one to contact the city manager to see if the city will contribute part of the money for its organization.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE: Mr. Durham's lovely article, "A Tribute to the Home Town Merchant" for their cooperation in bringing to a reality the Hospitality House, is to be mailed to each contributor and to all the merchants throughout the county together with a letter from Col. Cal C. Chambers.

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Mr. Durham spoke of requests for an 800 word story of this outstanding project from the East Texas Chamber of Commerce. And also a request for a story from Robert M. Hays of Dallas News.

NEW CONTRIBUTOR TO HOSPITALITY HOUSE: Mr. Non Binion has suggested his business will be a contributor to the Hospitality House.

MR. BILL MARTIN: Col. Chambers spoke of the splendid job Mr. Bill Martin did in securing Hospitality House subscribers, spending every afternoon of a full week in this work and refusing compensation. Col. Chambers asked that we list Mr. Martin as one of the contributors.

Mr. Rogers made a motion that Mr. Martin be named on the Hospitality House list of contributors and Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. It was carried.

CHAIR DONATIONS: The Secretary reported securing chairs, tables and baby beds from individuals, also some two dozen chairs from the Odd Fellows. Mr. Moore gave the generous donation of whatever else was needed in chairs for the needs of the Hospitality House.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE APPROPRIATION: Col. Chambers suggested we appropriate $500.00 for furniture. Mr. Gary Eaves made the motion for this appropriation. It was seconded by Mr. L. C. Martin and was carried.

OPENING OF HOSPITALITY HOUSE: It was decided the opening date would be the 2nd Saturday of July. Serving refreshments and giving a war bond to one giving an acceptable name for the Hospitality House.

POST WAR PLANNING COMMITTEE: Mr. W. C. Trout, Chairman of the Committee has reported his effort to visualize the work that should be done as a result of the suggestions from the recent contest.

Mr. Trout gave a resume of why new houses were not being built. He said the building contractors were taking a long way around to build and building was too costly. That it takes forever to build a house. He suggested the people should become interested in City Government, so we could do something. Mr. Trout concluded his statements saying he would like to follow the practical side.

STEVE HARMON RESIGNS: Col. Chambers read Mr. Steve Harmon's resignation as Manager of Angelina County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Harmon gave as his reasons for resigning that the war would probably last long time and he realized the Chamber would not secure an experience manager with his being given a leave of absence. He expressed his desire to return to Lufkin when the war was over.

Mr. Taylor made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson to accept Mr. Harmon's resignation with regrets. The motion was carried.

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MINUTES
Angelina County Chamber of Commerce

MEETING: Directors of Angelina County Chamber of Commerce

TIME: 4:00 o'clock P.M.

DATE: July 13, 1944

PLACE: Directors room of Chamber of Commerce.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Cal C. Chambers, President
Gary Eaves
F. L. Calloway
Y. L. Hinson
V. G. Koch
H. E. Rogers
H. G. Temple

DIRECTORS ABSENT: E. L. Bartlett
Houston Brookshire
Dr. P. C. Clements
A. E. Cudlipp
S. W. Henderson, Jr.
E. L. Kurth
L. C. Martin
James M. Moore
R. B. Stroud
H. A. Taylor
R. D. Warren

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN PRESENT:
Geo. Wells, Education Committee
W. R. Beaumier, Publicity Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ABSENT:
Ned Barrett, Trade Extension Committee
E. C. Durham, Public Relations Committee
W. A. Welsh, Civic and Beautification Committee
Arthur Temple, Building Committee and
Wildlife Conservation Committee.
D. W. Thompson, Aviation Committee.
W. C. Trout, Post War Planning Committee
Sid Scott, Transportation Committee
H. J. Shands, Public Affairs Committee.
Harry Cain, Industrial Committee
John S. Redditt, Highways and Roads Committee.
Dr. R. W. Taylor, Health and Sanitation Committee.
Paul Hursey, Forestry Committee.
W. W. Trout, Freight Rate Equalization Committee.
W. O. Green, Fire Prevention Committee
Curtis Fenley, Traffic Safety Committee
Robert Denum, Transportation Committee.

CALL TO ORDER: President Cal C. Chambers called the meeting to order and stated that if there were no corrections to the minutes which were mimeographed and a copy before each director, they would stand approved.

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President Chambers called attention to the mimeographed Financial Statement and asked for any corrections. There being none, Mr. Gary Eaves made a motion for its adoption. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers and it was carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT HOSPITALITY HOUSE: President Chambers, in absence of Mr. Durham and Mr. Stroud, reported briefly on the opening date of the Hospitality House the following Saturday and advised all present to advertise the opening date as best they could.

He called attention to two appropriations of money of $500.00 each from the Chamber totaling $1,000.00 made in order to defray expenses on equipment. The total cost of equipment totaled about $1,154.00 and the Committee had met and had recommended the Chamber of Commerce paying these bills. Mr. Rogers made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Hinson that these bills be paid. It was carried.

The budget for the Hospitality House was approved as follows: Hostess $100.00, rent $80.00, Lights$15.00, Gas $10.00 Operating Supplies $20.00, Maid $60.00, Repairs $15.00, Telephone $5.25, Misc. $19.75., monthly.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Wells, Chairman stated that while he had held no official meeting, there was one matter on which he wished to speak as Chairman of the Education Committee and Superintendent of Schools of the City. Many people had asked him about the possibility of establishing a Junior College and he stated that an assessed valuation of $12,000,000 was necessary in the district and that the local valuation had only reached $8,900,000. The only exception made to this is where there is an endowment large enough to satisfy the State Board of Education that adequate facilities are available. There are at present twenty one junior colleges and the University of Houston which are supported by the state appropriation, local taxation, and tuition fees.

President Chambers pointed out the fact that there was a need to make it possible for a boy to finance himself while studying right here at home. He mentioned the two types of foundries as offering careers in which to develop young people here.

CIVIC AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: In the absence of Mr. Welsh, the Secretary reported on securing from other Chambers of Commerce letters stating their activities in beautifying their areas and that many of them had secured the services of a Landscape Architect. As a result of this information, contact had been made by letter to architects in Dallas with a view of possibly securing some professional service along with the pending organizing of a Beautification Foundation.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Mr. Beaumier, Chairman of the Publicity Committee reported the completion of the booklet "Presenting Lufkin, Texas" and of the 800 word story requested on the Hospitality House by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
DIRECTORS MEETING

MEETING: Directors joint meeting with Chairmen of Committees.

DATE OF MEETING: August 10, 1944

TIME: Four o'clock P.M.

PLACE OF MEETING: Chamber of Commerce office.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Cal C. Chambers, President
E. L. Bartlett
F. L. Calloway
Gary Eaves
S. W. Henderson
Y. L. Hinson
V. G. Koch
James M. Moore
R. D. Warren

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Houston Brookshire
Dr. P. C. Clements
A. E. Cudlipp
E. L. Kurth
L. C. Martin
H. E. Rogers
R. B. Stroud
H. A. Taylor
H. G. Temple

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN PRESENT:
John S. Redditt, Highways and Roads Committee
W. A. Welsh, Civic and Beautification Committee
D. W. Thompson, Aviation Committee
W. R. Beaumier, Publicity Committee
Sid Scott, Transportation Committee
Robert Denum, Transportation Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ABSENT:
Ned Barrett, Trade Extension Committee
E. C. Durham, Public Relations Committee
H. J. Shands, Public Affairs Committee
Dr. R. W. Taylor, Health and Sanitation Committee.
Paul Hursey, Forestry Committee
W. W. Trout, Freight Rate Equalization Committee
W. O. Greene, Fire Prevention Committee.
Geo. Wells, Education Committee
W. C. Trout, Post War Planning Committee.
Curtis Fenley, Traffic Safety Committee.

CALL TO ORDER: President Cal C. Chambers called the meeting to order and stated that if there were no objections to the Minutes, which were mimeographed and a copy before each Director, they would stand approved.

President Chambers called attention to the two appropriations made by the Chamber to the Hospitality House as being $500.00 each or

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a total of $1,000.00. The $430.00 paid out by the Chamber in excess of this $1,000.00 appropriation will be repaid in a couple of months as the subscriptions to the project will be sufficient to take care of this amount.

President Chambers asked for comments on the mimeographed Operating Expense of the Chamber. There being none, Mr. Henderson made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Calloway, for approval of these expenditures and it was carried unanimously.

President Chambers stated that a glance at the list of delinquents revealed there were only a few for both the Chamber of Commerce and the Hospitality House.

Attention was directed to the mimeographed copy of the Hospitality House Statement. Mr. Moore made a motion for approval of listed expenditures and same was seconded by Mr. Hinson. It was carried.

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE: In the absence of Chairman L. C. Martin, the Secretary gave the report that the work on securing a Livestock Auction Ring is underway. Need of lumber preventing the immediate consumation of same.

Angelina County Co-operative Association has been organized, which would greatly encourage farmers in diversified farming, as it would insure a ready market for products, the sale of which would increase the farmers purchasing power.

AVIATION COMMITTEE: Chairman D. W. Thompson reported having had a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce office August 9th and having at the meeting County Auditor Otto Brittain and County Judge Ellie B. Rolston, at which time the way to list the airport with C.A.A. was discussed. Mr. Thompson stated that it was one of the requirements to have a Manager who would keep the run-ways clear of vegetation and offer safety precautions for the present, keeping the road through the port closed. A result of this meeting was an invitation for the Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee to sit in on the Commissioners Court Monday at 10 o'clock, when steps will be taken toward employing of a Manager for the Angelina County Airport near Burke. At this session of court will be representatives of Civil Aeronautics Administrationsand the airport engineering firm.

Mr. Brittain stated that the County has some money from the Board income, but that he thought it should not be spent until we had to.

The local CAP has reached an enrollment of 150 and having made the required hours is coming along fine.

CIVICS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Chairman Welsh stated his Committee as having taken a vacation, but that they planned to begin the Beautification Foundation organization the last of August or first of September.

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INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE: Chairman S. W. Henderson reported negotiations with two Indiana men who contemplated establishment in East Texas of a glove manufacturing plant. These men have the necessary machinery and will employ 40 women at $.50 to $.75 per hour at the beginning. Chairman Henderson said they had contacted the United State Employment Service and found them favorable and were looking for a location for the plant and a place to live.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Chairman W. R. Beaumier stated that Lufkin had recently received lots of publicity as a result of the Hospitality House and requests continue to come in from interested parties wanting either a story or more particulars of this worth while project.

TRADE EXTENSION COMMITTEE: Mr. Beaumier reporting for the Trade Extension Committee, reported a bonus of $25.00 being given to Mr. Dow Nerren for the first bale of cotton. Mr. M. M. Flournoy warehouse operator of Shawnee Prairie area paid Mr. Nerren a premium price of 21 cents for the cotton or $108.36 for the bale.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT: The Secretary gave the following report:

First seven months of 1944 for the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce were marked by a heavy schedule of activities, in which the entire citizenship of the county was served, and in which individual committee members shouldered much of the work in cooperation with the president, board of directors and chamber staff.

Routine office activities continued unabated, with the staff answering hundreds of personal and telephone calls for information and assistance, and answering a like number of written requests for information about Lufkin.

New residents were given assistance in seeking places in which to live, while every effort was made to help those the Chamber might serve.

In order to briefly but accurately list Chamber activities, following is a list of outstanding works by committees:

AGRICULTURE--It is noteworthy that in a time of urgent need for feed, the sweet potato movement has amounted to one-third more this year over that of 1943, when thousands of slips were distributed among Angelina County farmers.

A successful barbecue was given at the Hudson Experiment Station for members of the East Texas Livestock Association, at which time tentative plans were made for a registered Hereford Auction Sale in February, sponsored by the Texas Hereford Breeders Association.

Work to secure a livestock acution ring is underway. Need for lumber has prevented the immediate consummation of same.

Angelina County Co-Operative Association has been organized, to encourage farmers in diversified farming, and to insure a market for farm products; thus increasing the farmers purchasing power in our county.

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Prizes were given for first lugs of tomatoes and other programs undertaken in behalf of the farm sections of the county.

AVIATION--This committee is taking steps to keep Lufkin and Angelina County in the aviation picture. It has worked constantly with the Commissioners Court in completion of the first unit of work on the Angelina County Airport at Burke and now is seeking to complete details that will cause that port to be officially listed by CAA as an airport.

Questionnaires from numerous aviation companies concerning the possible location of feeder line stops in Lufkin have been answered. At this time the Chamber is in contact with eight such companies and feels confident this county will be included in the future aviation development program in the Southwest.

Assistance has been given the Civil Air Patrol in this area, especially in the forest patrol program, while visiting officials of CAA, Army and Navy have been met, shown aviation facilities and worked with in every way possible.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS--Seven regular and two special meetings of the Board of Directors have been held. Of the last five, there have been joint meetings held with Chairmen of the Committees.

Board and chairmen attendance has been good inspite of the fact that every business has been short of man power.

The Board of Directors have been keeping a close watch on the entire Chamber of Commerce program. It is gratifying to them to know that the organization is in good financial shape, there being few delinquent members during the past seven months.

BUILDING--The Chamber of Commerce had an important role in securing approval for the construction of 30 housing units for war workers, all of which are completed, and granting of 40 low prices privately financed housing units, if needed.

Working in cooperation with city officials the building committee has seen the ambition of local citizens for an adequate swimming pool near fulfillment, with a site selected and purchased by the city and plans under way for the pool and park.

Information on building regulations has been furnished citizens here.

CIVIC AND BEAUTIFICATION--This department cooperated with the Home Demonstration Agent in recruiting extra victory gardens from city dwellers.

A spring clean up drive was sponsored, with excellent publicity and cooperation from city officials and citizens.

Dog Wood Trail was initiated, giving Angelina County statewide publicity and this project will be carried on in future years by extension of the trail.

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Groundwork has been laid for organization of a Beautification Foundation, while lumber manufacturing interests have been contacted by letters in the interest of preserving the beauty of the forests through saving of dogwood, red buds and yellow jassamins.

City and Texas Power and Light Company have placed the slogan "Help Make Lufkin the Cleanest City in Texas" on their bills through efforts of this committee.

FORESTRY--This department has been most active in promoting better forestry practices. In cooperation with the Texas Forest Service several thousand booklets stressing the value of protecting our forests were distributed to citizens of this area; fire protection circulars were printed and distributed; and aid given in timber salvage operations.

HIGHWAYS--This year will see the completion of Highway 103 west to Crockett, a long-time goal of the Chamber. Contracts were let last week for bridges over the Neches River, and when the work is done, the road will have been opened. The Chamber of Commerce through its Highway Committee is cooperating with the county in efforts to secure right-of-way for Highway 59, while other road projects are being worked on.

A Master Highway Plan will be made that will eventually require the State Highway Department to spend $1,500,000.00 within the city limits of Lufkin.

INDUSTRIAL--Since the war offers few opportunities for new industries, the industrial department has confined its efforts to the most successful Church and Industry conferences and to information work. The Committee stands ready to assist new industries when the time comes for this effort.

MEMBERSHIP--The interest in a Chamber of Commerce is evidenced by its membership. It is an investment that is returned to the community in actual cash, and it is not a donation. The Membership Committee launched a membership drive first of the year. An increase of $1,800.00 was realized from the drive with an added thirty individuals and twenty-one firms membership. Six more coming in since the drive.

POST WAR PLANNING--As revealed by the questionnaire returned by members of the Chamber of Commerce, Post War planning was a favored project. The Committee gave every one the privilege of assisting in the plan through a contest, with prizes given for best suggestions. Amont the 121 suggestions received were "A Farmers Market", "Swimming Pool", "Better Roads", "A Live Stock Auction Ring", "A Place for Shoppers to Rest".

The Hospitality House has been established, the Farmers Market organized and the other projects are on their way.

PUBLIC RELATIONS--This Committee has gone a long way on improving the relationship between the townspeople and rural communities in sponsoring a wonderfully equipped building for use of rural shoppers. The Hospitality House is daily increasing in popularity and will greatly aid in extending the trade area.

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PUBLICITY--The Lufkin booklet has been reworked and a supply mimeographed for distribution to persons seeking information on the community. Articles and pictures on Lufkin have been furnished the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, Southwest Division, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, and various publishing houses, while cooperation has been given local correspondents for state papers in securing wide publicity for the city. This department also has worked with the Civic and Beautification and Forestry committees in publicizing the area.

TRAFFIC SAFETY--A greater protection for our schools will be in effect before school opens. Painted signs have been erected for bus stops in the residential sections.

TRANSPORTATION--This division of the Chamber of Commerce has kept close watch on what Washington was doing as regards the Repeal of Land Grants and brought pressure to bear on proper officials for repeal of a measure so destructive of economy, unfair competively and wasteful.

Thus it is the Chamber of Commerce continues as one of Americas greatest institutions for public good."

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE: Chairman Redditt reported grading on 103 along with the drainage structure as complete except for 7 miles on both sides of the Neches River and these few moles will be finished within sixty days. August 2, 1944 the State Highway Department awarded a contract for the construction of the larger drainage structures including the bridge over the Neches River. This work will be finished by the first of the year, which will make #103 between Lufkin and Crockett open to traffic. A portion has been surfaced and it is probable the remaining part will be surfaced in early 1945.

Chairman Redditt reported the State Highway Department as agreeing to make a master plan which will furnish adequate Highway facilities in, through and around the City of Lufkin for many years to come. It is contemplated that this plan will eventually require the State Highway Department to spend $1,500,000.00 within the city limites of the City of Lufkin.

The State Highway Department, Mr. Redditt stated, is ready, with completed plans, to build U. S. Highway #59 from the Nacogdoches County line south to the Polk County line. The contract can be let when the rights-of-way can be obtained, and the number one project now is to secure this project. Mr. Redditt added that we must depend on the Commissioners' Court as it has the legal authority to secure the right-of-way for us and we will meet with them Monday, August 14th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The employment of a professional Chamber of Commerce Executive was in keeping with the pre-determined policy of the Chamber established when Mr. Steve Harmon was drafted a few months ago.

Mr. J. M. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Henderson and it was carried that the President appoint a Committee to recommend a man for the place.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned

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ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 14, 1944

MEETING OF: Board of Directors jointly with Committee Chairmen

PLACE: Chamber of Commerce office.

TIME: Four o'clock P.M.

DATE: Thursday, September 14, 1944.

PRESENT: President Cal C. Chambers
F. L. Calloway
A. E. Cudlipp
Gary Eaves
S. W. Henderson, Jr.
Y. L. Hinson
L. C. Martin
James M. Moore
H. E. Rogers
R. B. Stroud
H. A. Taylor
H. G. Temple

ABSENT: E. L. Bartlett
Houston Brookshire
Dr. P. C. Clement
V. G. Koch
E. L. Kurth
R. D. Warren

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN PRESENT:
John S. Redditt, Highways and Roads Committee
E. C. Durham, Public Relations Committee
W. R. Beaumier, Publicity Committee
Curtis Fenley, Traffic Safety Committee
Robert Denum, Transportation Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ABSENT:
D. W. Thompson, Aviation Committee
W. A. Welsh, Civic and Beautification Committee
Mrs. Lillian D. Shands, Civic and Beautification Committee
Geo. H. Wells, Education Committee
W. O. Greene, Fire Prevention Committee
Paul Hursey, Forestry Committee
W. W. Trout, Freight Rate Equalization
Dr. R. W. Taylor, Health and Sanitation Committee
H. J. Shands, Public Affairs Committee
W. C. Trout, Post War Planning Committee
Sid Scott, Transportation Committee
Ned Barrett, Trade Extention Committee

OTHERS PRESENT: Max Wortham member of the Highways and Roads Committee.

CALL TO ORDER: President Cal C. Chambers called the meeting to order and stated that if there were no corrections to the Minutes, which were mimeographed and a copy before each director, they would stand approved.

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President Chambers called attention to the mimeographed financial statement and asked for corrections. There being none, Mr. Homer Rogers made a motion for the approval of the expenditures. This motion was seconded by Mr. S. W. Henderson and it was carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF HOSPITALITY HOUSE: A mimeographed copy of the Hospitality House Statement was reviewed and Mr. Gary Eaves made a motion for the approval of expenditures, which was seconded by Mr. Herman Taylor and it was carried.

President Chambers reported a call from Mr. Glenn requesting the dual use of the building and its facilities be made available to service men in the evenings and Sundays.

The Directors were unanimous in favoring the plan for the committee of women in charge of the Servicemen's Center to be given permission to use the Hospitality House evenings and all of Sundays.

TRADES RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Chairman Durham gave his opinion that our relations with the rural population were not improved in our recent awarding of $25.00 bonus for the first bale of cotton.

Mr. Beaumier gave the information that $25.00 was as much as the Chamber had been giving and that for the past three years a mention of same had not been placed on the records. It was here that Mr. S. W. Henderson suggested we refer to the Agriculture Committee for any policies regarding prizes for cotton, tomatoes, etc.

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE: Chairman L. C. Martin reported the Cooperative Association as now having a charter; of carload of Alfalpha Hay and Wheat to arrive, which will go soon after it arrives.

Chairman Martin also told of efforts before the Legislature to secure more money for Mr. Crouches Experiment Station. The amount appropriated at present is inadequate for the purposes which it is designed.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Chairman Cudlipp reported the entertainment of the Mill Managers at the Country Club Sept 16, 1944

HIGHWAYS AND ROADS COMMITTEE: Chairman Redditt told the group that great progress had been made on Highway #103.

Mr. Redditt reported that contract was to be let this week for concrete paving on the new 59 route in Nacogdoches County and that similar work in Angelina County would be ordered when the right of way was secured.

He stated the county had no uniform policy of securing a right-of way until recently. Splendid cooperation had been received from the Commissioners Court in regard to this matter including the establishing of a definite policy on right-of-way purchases, but they had not secured the actual deeds. Mr. Redditt said this failure to secure deeds of right-of-way on Highway #59 from the Neches River south of Diboll to the City Limit of Lufkin would entail a possible loss of a million dollars worth of highway work in this county.

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Mr. Redditt told the Directors that there would be a concrete highway from the Neches River to Lufkin; one from Colmorgan Hill north to the Angelina River, the thoroughfare through Lufkin, and a concrete road from Lufkin to Zavalla--if and provided the right-of-way is secured.

Individual Directors took a number of deeds and promised to make contacts with property owners.

Mr. Henderson made a motion that the Chamber of Commerce appropriate funds to hire a man to follow up the left over deeds that were not taken by members. This motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Chairman Beaumier reported more advertising with a story coming out in a magazine. He also reported that Angelina County Airport at Burke had received its first use and the landing was very successful having been made by a student flier short on gasoline.

The Airport advisory committee will check the port soon and have the runways smoothed out. Wind socks donated by the Humble Oil Co. will be installed and steps to install a telephone are underway.

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Chairman Curtis Fenley discussed before the Chamber Board of Directors the forming of a Junior Traffic Patrol to guard against injuries to Junior High School students crossing the streets in the school vicinity. Mr. Homer Garrison, Texas Director of Public Safety, will send a man to Lufkin to train the patrol in handling traffic and in safety matters.

Chairman Fenley said it would take 24 of the older boys for training for the different shifts.

Mr. Fenley brought the matter of the purchasing of belts to the attention of the Chamber and suggested the addition of $34.00 was needed with the sum of $50.00 which was the budget. Mr. Rogers made a motion we appropriate the additional $34.00 to be added to the $50.00 budget for the purpose. Mr. Stroud seconded the motion and it was carried.

SECURING CHAMBER MANAGER: Mr. Stroud stated a number of names had been submitted, but that a salary of $250.00 plus $25.00 car allowance was insufficient to get a top man.

Mr. Dillard of Corsicana was under consideration at a cost of $400.00 per month. Also Mr. Ord of Childress was being considered.

Mr. S.W. Henderson suggested another 30 days may change things. That a $400.00 range might strain the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. A. E. Cudlipp also suggested we give the hiring of a Manager more consideration and that another 30 day may give a larger field to select from.

Mr. Beaumier stated that Mr. Frank Thompson would come out in the current bulletin mentioning the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce as in the market for a Manager.

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President Chambers suggested giving the Committee further time for the consideration of a Manager for the Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
DIRECTORS MEETING
October 20, 1944

MEETING OF: Board of Directors of Chamber of Commerce

PLACE: Chamber of Commerce office

TIME: Four o'clock P.M.

DATE: October 20, 1944

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Cal C. Chambers, President
F. L. Calloway
A. E. Cudlipp
Gary Eaves
S. W. Henderson, Jr.
Y. L. Hinson
L. C. Martin
V. G. Koch
H. E. Rogers
R. B. Stroud
H. A. Taylor

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Houston Brookshire
P. C. Clements
E. L. Kurth
James M. Moore
H. G. Temple
R. D. Warren

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN PRESENT:
George H. Wells, Education Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ABSENT:
D. W. Thompson, Aviation Committee
W. A. Welsh, Civic and Beautification Committee.
W. O. Greene, Fire Prevention Committee.
Paul Hursey, Forestry Committee.
W. W. Trout, Freight Rate Equalization Committee.
Dr. R. W. Taylor, Health and Sanitation Committee.
John S. Redditt, Highways and Roads Committee.
H. J. Shands, Public Affairs Committee.
E. C. Durham, Public Relations Committee.
W. C. Trout, Post War Planning Committee.
W. R. Beaumier, Publicity Committee.
Curtis Fenley, Traffic Safety Committee.
Sid Scott, Transportation Committee.
Robert Denum, Transportation Committee.
Ned Barrett, Trade Extension Committee.

CALL TO ORDER: President Cal C. Chambers called the meeting to order and asked for any corrections to the Minutes, which were mimeographed and a copy given each Director.

Col. Chambers called attention to the resignation of Mr. Arthur Temple as Chairman of Wildlife Conservation Committee and also the Building Committee as having been omitted from the Minutes and

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suggested the Secretary add this resignation to the Minutes. There being no other corrections, the Minutes were approved. President Chambers called attention to the mimeographed Financial Statement and asked for corrections. Mr. Cudlipp suggested that any over spent budget be encircled in red. There being no other correction, Mr. Koch made a motion for the approval of the expenditures. This motion was seconded by Mr. Homer Rogers and it was carried.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE STATEMENT: A mimeographed copy of the Hospitality House Statement was before each Director. President Chambers called attention to the money paid out by the Chamber to the amount of $430.25 as now refunded and the Hospitality House with a balance of $137.38.

Mr. Taylor made a motion for the approval of the expenditures, which was seconded by Mr. Calloway and it was carried.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE REPORT: President Chambers directed attention to a report from Mrs. Moss on attendance record as steadily increasing since the opening date of Hospitality House and also on the various services which have been rendered there.

Mr. Rogers, Mr. Stroud and Mr. Taylor reported on the gain in publicity as being evidenced through remarks from clients in their place of business.

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE: Chairman L. C. Martin reported the arrival of the stock certificates recently for the Cooperative Market.

The Secretary reported the assistance given a veterinarian in securing living and business quarters to locate here.

CONVENTION AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Cudlipp reported on the plans for ~~August~~ September 24th for the Chamber of Commerce to be host in the celebration of "Texas Forestry Conservation Day" and Tree Farm dedication, with President Cal C. Chambers giving the welcoming address. An outstanding program was being arranged and entertainment would be provided climaxed with a barbecue; the Forest Festival grounds to be the scene of this program.

The region-wide meeting is sponsored by the Texas Mill Managers Association, Texas Forestry Association and the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: The Secretary stated having received a request for permission to use the article entitled "Angelina Scores Another First". This request comes from Franke-Wilkinson-Schiwertz, Inc., and it came as a request from their client, the Humble Oil and Refining Co., to be used in their Farm Family publication.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned preceding an executive session.

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ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 9, 1944

MEETING OF: Directors jointly with Committee Chairmen

PLACE: Chamber of Commerce office.

TIME: Four o'clock P.M.

DATE: Thursday November 9, 1944

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Cal C. Chambers
F. L. Calloway
S. W. Henderson
Y. L. Hinson
V. G. Koch
James M. Moore
H. E. Rogers
H. A. Taylor
Houston Brookshire

DIRECTORS ABSENT: E. L. Bartlett
Dr. P. C. Clement
A. E. Cudlipp
Gary Eaves
E. L. Kurth
L. C. Martin
R. B. Stroud
H. G. Temple
R. D. Warren

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN PRESENT:
D. W. Thompson, Aviation Committee
W. A. Welsh, Civic and Beautification Committee.
Geo. H. Wells, Education Committee
W. R. Beaumier, Publicity Committee.
Robert Denum, Transportation Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ABSENT:
W. O. Greene, Fire Prevention Committee
Paul Hursey, Forestry Committee
W. W. Trout, Freight Rate Equalization Committee
Dr. R. Taylor, Health and Sanitation Committee
John S. Redditt, Highways and Roads Committee
H. J. Shands, Public Affairs Committee
E. C. Durham, Public Relations Committee
W. C. Trout, Post War Planning Committee
Curtis Fenley, Traffic Safety Committee.
Sid Scott, Transportation Committee
Ned Barrett, Trade Extension Committee.

CALL TO ORDER: President Cal C. Chambers called the meeting to order and asked for any corrections or additions to the Minutes, which were mimeographed and a copy before each Director. There being no changes, the Minutes stood approved.

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President Chambers called attention to the mimeographed Financial Statement. Special attention was directed to the overspent individual committee budgets. But it was pointed out that we were still operating under the total budget.

There being no corrections, Mr. Taylor made a motion for the approval of the expenditures, which was seconded by Mr. Henderson and it was carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF HOSPITALITY HOUSE: A mimeographed copy of the Hospitality House Statement was reviewed and Mr. Moore made a motion for the approval of expenditures, which was seconded by Mr. Calloway and it was carried.

President Chambers invited a discussion of the usefullness of the Hospitality House in lieu of the fact that the past several months has been an experiment and the time was near for the refinancing of same. Mr. Henderson asked if the supporters of the Hospitality House thought it was fulfilling the job. Mr. Thompson stated the merchants should be able to answer Mr. Hendersons question. Mr. Beaumier said he thought it a splendid jesture of good will and of more and greater value than trade days or prizes. President Chambers concluded the discussion by suggesting the writing of letter to each contributor asking their opinion and enclosing a card for their reply. This suggestion met the approval of the Directors.

AVIATION: Chairman D. W. Thompson spoke of the necessity of closing the airport road and of the cattle having harmed the grounds.

Mr. Thompson stated they were keeping behind the county officials and said the port would be in use now if it were cleared and ready so it could be used.

Mr. Beaumier has prepared briefs for the different air lines seeking the required information concerning Lufkin and Angelina County in support of bids for definite air line connections. A copy of this air line questionnaire is now on file at the Chamber of Commerce office and a copy has been mailed to air lines requesting them.

CIVIC AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Chairman W. A. Welsh stated the Garden Club had asked for some one to appear before them and tell them something in regards to the organizing of a Beautification Foundation and to explain to them the idea and purpose of the organization. Mr. Welsh stated that the Garden Club individually expressed themselves as being in favor of the plan as outlined to them by the Chairman.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Chairman Beaumier stated that four pictures of Angelina County industries had been requested by and sent to Deskin Wells, Secretary of Texas Press Association at Wellington, Texas.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: In the absence of Chairman A. E. Cudlipp, Mr. Beaumier reported Lufkin as all set as host to some of the nations outstanding newspaper and magazine writers and radio commentatores scheduled to visit Lufkin November 20 and 21st on a statewide tour.

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Mr. Beaumier said this group of writers and commentators, representing a circulation of more than 100 million, are being brought to Texas by five of the countrys leading industries.

Arrangements for the visit to Lufkin of the group are being handled by the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce, in co-operation with the East Texas Chamber of Commerce and industries sponsoring the tour. The Lufkin hosts will take the group first to Jacksonville, then bring them to the Angelina Hotel for an overnight stay. A breakfast Tuesday morning will start the program with Directors of the Chamber and representatives of industries participating.

At 8:30 o'clock the local industrial tour will start, stopping at Angelina County Lumber Companys new saw mill at Keltys and next the Texas Foundries. From there they will go to the Lufkin Foundry and Machine Company and then out to the Southland Paper Mills. Here the tour will end for this territory.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE: Col. Cal C. Chambers named R. B. Stroud and W. R. Beaumier as a special committee on preliminary arrangements. Mr. Stroud will handle the transportation and Mr. A. E. Cudlipp will arrange the breakfast. .

Mr. Henderson made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Taylor that the Chamber of Commerce underwrite the expense of this entertainment. It was carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: President Chambers stated a meeting had been called of the nominating committee, which consisted of outgoing Directors, and that the nominees would be submitted to the membership prior to December 1st. The voting would be completed in time for the December Directors meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Rogers and Mr. Taylor reported as having no luck on securing signatures to deeds on highway #59. Mr. Thompson got his deed promptly. Mr. Henderson stated that due to change of new judge taking over, we were a bit on center until the change, with little accomplished until the new judge is in office, who will pass on some damages. Some suits are ready to be filed, but it will be another 30 or 60 days before this is done.

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: In the absence of Chairman Curtis Fenley, Mr. Y. L. Hinson reported having just received arm bands and flags for Junior High School Safety Patrol.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
December 14, 1944

MEETING OF: Directors jointly with Committee Chairmen.

PLACE: Chamber of Commerce office.

TIME: Four o'clock P.M.

DATE: Thursday, December 14, 1944.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Cal C. Chambers
R. B. Stroud
L. C. Martin
H. A. Taylor
A.E. Cudlipp
Gary Eaves
S.W. Henderson
W. R. Beaumier
D. W. Thompson
H. G. Temple
E. L. Kurth
James M. Moore
Y. L. Hinson
Houston Brookshire
R. D. Warren
W. O. Greene
J. W. Cloud
F. L. Calloway
E. C. Durham

DIRECTORS ABSENT: E. L. Bartlett
V. G. Koch
H. J. Shands
Dr. P. C. Clements
H. E. Rogers

CALL TO ORDER: President Cal C. Chambers called the meeting to order and asked for any additions or corrections to the Minutes, which were mimeographed and a copy before each Director. There being no changes, the Minutes were approved as printed.

President Chambers called attention to the Operating Expenses stating that we were closing the year with a splendid showing. There being no corrections, Mr. Moore made a motion for the approval of the expenditures, which was seconded by Mr. Stroud and it was carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF HOSPITALITY HOUSE: A mimeographed copy of the Hospitality House Statement was reviewed and Mr. Cudlipp made a motion for the approval of expenditures, which was seconded by Mr. Calloway and it was carried.

President Chambers read a letter he sent in November to the contributors relative to the trial months in which the Hospitality House had been successfully operating on a test basis as to its value to the people for whome it was intended to serve. The letter asked each contributor for their opinion

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on its usefullness also for their vote as to whether it should be continued or not and what, if any change, would be their contribution. A postal card was enclosed in each letter for this reply and of the 51 replies, there have been only 4 who voted for discontinuing.

The President told the Directors that we were now facing the responsibility of deciding what we were to do about this matter.

There was a general discussion to follow the Presidents statement:

Mr. Durham did not think the present indications would warrant the continuation of the Hospitality House.

The President suggested a personal solicitation asking $2.50 each of about 200 firms instead of $5.00 from 100 firms.

A motion to continue the Hospitality House through 1945 was made by Mr. D. W. Thompson and seconded by Mr. H. G. Temple. It was carried unanimously.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Col. Chambers called the Directors attention to the completed works of this Committee. The tabulated votes are as follows:

E. C. Durham	126
H. J. Shands	118
D. W. Thompson	115
J. W. Cloud	108
W. O. Greene	107
W. R. Beaumier	103

All the above were present except Mr. Shands, who was out of town and Col. Chambers expressed words of welcome to the new directors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE: Chairman L. C. Martin reported the Cooperative Market progressing according to plans and the securing of a canning factory a certainty.

AVIATION: Chairman D. W. Thompson reported progress as slow. But thought it would gather momentum when the new court took over in January. He also stated there had been a lack of cooperation in the mail route issue, but hoped to get the field gone over and would stay busy until they could get it where it could be used.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Chairman Cudlipp reported on the Entertainment of the newspaper writers. Mr. Cudlipp was pleased at the keen interest manifested by the visitors of our town and industries.

The expenses for this entertainment were to be taken care of by the Chamber of Commerce.

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FIRE PREVENTION: Chairman W. O. Green reported receiving a nice letter from Mrs. Henderson, which was very complimentary of the fire department on its management of the fire they recently experienced.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Chairman E. C. Durham said he had no report on his committee, but another matter he wished to speak of was in regards to the Government's proposed expenditure of $26,000,000 for flood control and power projects on the Angelina and Neches rivers. Mr. Durham's idea was the possibility of getting a 12 foot canal from Beaumont to this area as a supplement to the governments proposed expenditure of $26,000,000 for flood control.

The Directors were of the opinion it would greatly benefit this territory and would help to lower freight rates. The matter was referred to the new board.

HIRING COMMITTEE: Mr. Stroud, Chairman of the Committee, appointed to hire a Manager for the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce, reported having contacted Mr. Glenn Burgess of Alpine who came to Lufkin Sunday of December 10th, and that Mr. Burgess was very much interested in coming to Lufkin. Mr. Stroud told the Directors he found Mr. Burgess a man "Who grows on you".

Mr. Thompson said he was informed by Mr. Whiteside that Mr. Burgess was thought well of and that he would be fine; that he was brought to Alpine to develope the Big Bend National Park.

Col. Chambers said he was impressed with Mr. Burgess earnest ness and thought he would do the job thoroughly.

Mr. Stroud stated that Mr. Burgess had his training in Houston under Mr. Blanton and had six years experience and would be available January 15th for this job at a yearly salary of $4,200. with $300.00 for car expense and $200.00 for moving expense. Mr. Stroud made a motion to hire Mr. Burgess at this salary and Mr. Cudlipp seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chairman Herman Taylor reported having had a had a meeting of his committee and the following nominations were made:

R. B. Stroud, President
L. C. Martin, Vice-President
Gary Eaves, Treasurer

It was moved by Mr. Taylor that these nominations be approved and seconded by Mr. D. W. Thompson. This motion was unanimously carried.

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Col. Chambers said he was happy that these three were elected and that since Mr. Stroud as Vice President had done so much of the Chamber of Commerce work during the past year, he was especially glad this honor had been tendered him. Where upon he vacated the presidents chair for Mr. Stroud's acceptance.

President Stroud took the Presidents chair and continued the meeting inviting suggestions on whom they desired as speakers at the banquet. It was the opinion of all that local men would be asked to participate.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
~~DECEMBER~~ January 13, 1945

Meeting of: Special Meeting of Directors
Place: Chamber of Commerce Office
Time: Ten O'clock A. M.
Date: Saturday, January 13, 1945
Directors Present:
R. B. Stroud, President
H. J. Shands
W. O. Green
Gary Eaves
D. W. Thompson
Houston Brookshire
H. A. Taylor
W. R. Baaumier
F. L. Calloway
Y. T. Hinson
V. G. Koch
Others Present: Mr. Glenn Burgess

Directors Absent:
L. C. Martin
J. W. Cloud
E. L. Kurth
S. W. Henderson
E. C. Durham
H. G. Temple
R. D. Warren

Call to Order: President R. B. Stroud called the meeting to order and explained the reasons for this meeting having been called was to get acquainted with the new Manager. That Mr. Burgess had come over for the banquet and that while the plans for the year at hand had so many good suggestions as given in talks at the banquet, some of these plans should be stressed and the committee should get busy planning the work from these talks. The President advised the Committee to meet, and put in order the recommendations and make a report.

Committee Appointed: President R. B. Stroud appointed a program of Work Committee as follows:
W. R. Beaumier, Chairman
W. C. Trout, H. J. Shands, Homer Rogers, D. W. Thompson,
The group will report at the February session of the Board to be held in February at the regular meeting.

Budget Committee: President Stroud announced a budget committee would be in readiness to meet with Manager Glenn Burgess after he reports for duty. Mr. Burgess was introduced to the Board and responded saying it was a challenge to come back into East Texas after being molded to West Texas. But that he did so with a view of studying the town and of getting acquainted from

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grass roots up with merchants and the entire area.

Mr. Burgess most favorable impression was the fact that Angelina County Chamber of Commerce was a county wide set-up. And he appreciated the confidence of being asked to take the job; and, therefore, he was looking forward to getting into harness.

Employment of an office secretary to succeed Mrs. Sara Ann Carlisle, resigned was discussed, as was the annual audit of the Chambers' books.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
February 2, 1945

MEETING OF: Agriculture Committee

DATE OF MEETING: Friday, February 2, 1945

TIME: Four o'clock P.M.

PLACE OF MEETING: Chamber of Commerce office

PRESENT: L. C. Martin, President of Agriculture Committee
W. C. Royle
K. Morris
Jean Shotwell
C. B. Richardson
J. W. Cloud

OTHERS PRESENT: E. C. Durham
E. K. Crouch
W. R. Beaumier

ABSENT: Garland York
G. G. Lennard
Everitt Haley
J. L. Wilson
D. C. Kenley
Milton Carrell
Tom Hampton
M. M. Flonsnoy
W. B. Hutson
S. A. Jones

PROBLEMS OF HUDSON EXPERIMENT STATION: Mr. Crouch told the Committee of plans by the East Texas Livestock Association to secure additional appropriations for the experiment Station, in order that its activities might be expanded.

In order to insure additional funds, it was necessary that the Station have more land on which to conduct pasture experiments. The present size of the Station is 219 acres and around 400 more will give pretty good grounds for the proposed request for the additional appropriation.

Synopsis being placed on the necessity of first securing the acreage, Chairman Martin appointed E. C. Durham, K. Morris and Jean Shotwell to work with The Station Manager, Mr. Crouch, in securing options.

SWEET POTATO WEEVIL ERADICATION: The Committee heard that the sweet potato weevil eradication work in the county is making excellent progress, with the reduction of from 321 to 94 infestations, but that infected garden plots within the city limits threatened the entire project and the future of sweet potato growing in the county.

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To combat this menace, the following publicity and personal contact campaign was voted, with Mr. Shotwell, Mr. Morris, W. C. Royle and C. B. Richardson named to work with J. R. Annand, Federal Field Worker, on the program.

SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW: The Committee voted for a Livestock Show at the Texas Festival grounds. Date for the livestock show will be set after contact is made with the County Agent and the Vocational Agriculture teachers in the County. It is planned the show will be a cooperative affair on the part of the Agriculture Committee, the East Texas Livestock Association and The Texas Forest Festival Association.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
February 8, 1945

MEETING OF: Directors of Angelina County Chamber of Commerce

PLACE: Chamber of Commerce office

TIME: Four o'clock P.M.

DATE: Thursday, February 8, 1945

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President R. B. Stroud
L. C. Martin
H. A. Taylor
F. L. Callaway
Y. L. Hinson
V. G. Koch
W. R. Beaumier
J. W. Cloud
E. C. Durham
W. O. Greene
H. J. Shands
D. W. Thompson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Gary Eaves
S. W. Henderson, Jr.
E. L. Kurth
Houston Brookshire
H. G. Temple
R. D. Warren

OFFICE SECRETARY: Burgess reported that there had been several applicants for office secretary. He had proceeded very carefully because he considered that this position should have the best talent in town. He explained that some of the applicants had good background in personality but did not know shorthand. There were four applicants who had just finished high school and business college and it was felt that these had not had enough experience for this paticular type of work.

Mrs. Hattie Wilson was selected because of her former work with the Texas and National Forestry services and for the wide acquaintance she had with people over Angelina County. Mrs. Wilson will go to work on February 15. Until that date, Mr. Burgess stated, Miss Naomi Modisette would act as office secretary.

PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1945: The program of work committee, W. R. Beaumier, Chairman, presented its recommendation for the years work. This was adopted on the motion by Beaumier and Hinson.

OFFICE HOURS: By agreement of the board, the Chamber of Commerce office hours were established as follows: 8:30 to 5:00 except Saturday. On Saturday, 8:30 to 12:00.

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HOSPITALITY HOUSE AND FARMERS MARKET: A written report from Mr. Rose Moss, stated that the January attendance had been 2, 156. Also, other activities carried on during the month were the distribution of magazines and the use of the show windows for displaying needle work that the rural women had for sale.

President Stroud suggested that the Public Relations Committee should meet soon to make plans to take care of the $30.00 per month deficit now confronting the operation of the Hospitality House.

E. C. Durham, Chairman of the committee, suggested that if the city of Lufkin was ready to go ahead on the Farmers Market, that it was time to make a study of a location and of plans for combining the Hospitality House with the Farmer's Market. The committee was authorized to proceed on these directions.

WAR MAN POWER COOPERATION: A letter to E. L. Kurth from Ira Mosher, President of the National Association of Manufacturers, asking for cooperation and suggestions on the National Service Act, was discussed and the matter was referred to the Industrial Committee.

O. P. A. COOPERATION: President Stroud stated that Pat McCann, Chairman of the County Ration Board, had asked for assistance to the rural people in filling out OPA forms. It was the opinion of the directors present that this Chamber of Commerce office should cooperate in every way with the Ration Board and that the Manager should talk with Mr. McCann and try to work out some program of assistance. It was pointed out that employees of the Ration Board were not authorized legally, to assist in filling out these forms. It was also pointed out that unless caution were used, assistance to the ration board could take up most of the time of the Chamber of Commerce.

SURPLUS WAR PROPERTY ACT: The Manager made inquiry into the study that had been made of this act and briefly outlined the provisions of it. A motion by Koch referred the matter to the Post War Committee and recommended that a meeting of this group be held soon.

EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR NON-WAR ACTIVITIES: The following resolution by Durham and Cloud was passed by the board with the request that it be mailed to our National Senators and Congressmen: In as much as the people of the United States are being asked to make huge investments for the prosecution of the war in the form of War Bonds and as we are constantly reminded of the terrific expense in carrying on the war and since Angelina County has gone over the top on every War Drive, therefore, be it resolved that the expenditures of federal funds in Angelina County

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and in other sections of the United States on activities that are not essential for the prosecution of the war, be discontinued and be held in abeyance until the termination of the war crisis.

EAST TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT: Beaumier moved that the name of E. C. Durham be submitted by the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce as a candidate for the position of President of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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CONDENSED MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING, ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MARCH 15, 1945.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE INCOME reported gaining.

LETTER OF THANKS from Mrs. McConnico for 2-weeks additional pay.

PASTURE IMPROVEMENT EXPERIMENT STATION increased operating funds were discussed with legislative committee in Austin getting very courteous hearing. Hearing arranged by Representative Lock.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE had voted to put on Senior Day for April 24.

CIVIC AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE putting on Dogwood trail again and had recommended clean-up campaign for May 6—13 stressing permanent work and rat extermination. Also plan to study foundation for permanent city-wide beautification work.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION CANCELS ALL PREVIOUS MINUTES regarding ROW through city. John Redditt appointed Chairman of Highway Commission without opposition. Manager sent to Austin to work with Senate if help needed. Dinner honoring Redditt proposed for April 7.

Salvation Army funds reported running out by June 1. If operation is continued, will need to put on drive for 5 months operation totaling $1875.00. No action was taken.

BUDGET COMMITTEE reported present income $9,925.00. Budget for 1945 set at $11,605.00. Will need $1,680.00 or $140.00 additional per month. More than 200 prospective members reported.

Representatives of the Wood Industries of Angelina County reported proposed Rockland Dam would wipe out much of their timber producing lands and cause irreparable damage. Board of Directors moved to oppose the construction of the Rockland or subsequent dams.

All Directors present except Greene who was excused.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
APRIL 12, 1945

Meeting of: Directors
Place: Chamber of Commerce Office
Time: Four o'clock P. M.
Date: April 12, 1945, Thursday

Directors Present:

R. B. Stroud, President
H. J. Shands
W. O. Greene
Gary Eaves
Houston Brookshire
H. A. Taylor
W. R. Beaumier
F. L. Callaway
Y. L. Hinson
J. W. Cloud
S. W. Henderson

Others Present:

Mrs. Robert Burroughs

Directors Absent:

D. W. Thompson
V. G. Koch
L. C. Martin
E. L. Kurth
E. C. Durham
H. G. Temple
R. D. Warren

Call to Order: President R. B. Stroud called the meeting to order. Not having the complete Minutes of the last Board of Directors Meeting it was decided to dispense with them for the time being and have them read at the next meeting.

Mr. Howard Walker was then introduced by President Stroud for a discussion on the re-employment of returned veterans.. He passed out reports on some of the returned veterans for the Directors to examine so as to show how the records were kept. Mr. Walker made his report orally and promised a complete report on the re-employment of returned veterans at the next Directors Meeting.

Mr. Y. L. Hinson made a report on traffic safety and suggested ~~paying a fee~~ a Bean Feed to the forty boys working as patrolmen. Motion was made by H. J. Shands that it be paid and was seconded by Gary Eaves who suggested that it would serve as encouragement to the boys for their work. It will be under the direction of the Traffic Safety Committee.

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H. A. Taylor discussed the National Chamber of Commerce Ballot and recommended Beach C. Redd to be voted upon. Motion was made by S. W. Henderson that the Chamber of Commerce cast ballot in favor of man recommended. Motion was seconded by Y. L. Hinson and was so voted.

Discussion was then made on expenses of party for John Redditt and H. J. Shands said that it had been decided that the Chamber of Commerce handle the bills and would then be reimbursed by funds Mr. S. W. Henderson was raising.

Mr. Shands then made report on right-of-way for roads in the farm-to-market program. He urged Directors to discuss roads with people from the country in order to get interest in them and to generally get behind the highway program in order to get Angelina County roads "out of the mud."

Mr. W. R. Beaumier made report on aviation stating that Angelina County stood to lose everything put into Burke Airport with the exception of the investment in the land if something wasn't done with the airport right away. Aviation Committee Meeting will be held the following week in order the take the matter up.

Mr. Beaumier also made a report on the hearing of the dam project being held at Beaumont. He said as things stood then the dam project might be put through, but also said that those opposing the dam had not had their chance to discuss the matter. He stated that the Polk County Chamber of Commerce and the Jasper Chamber of Commerce had joined Angelina County in opposing the project.

Mr. F. L. Callaway discussed the building of a club house by the VFW and stated that Mr. Ragland, Chairman, had asked that the Chamber of Commerce give its moral support to the project and appoint an advisory committee to aid in building the club house. S. W. Henderson recommended appointment of advisory committee. Motion was seconded by H. A. Taylor and was voted upon and approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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SUMMARY of minutes

DIRECTORS MEETING, ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
May
~~June~~ 10, 1945

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Stroud, Warren, Thompson, Durham, Calloway, Taylor, Koch, Greene, Eaves, Hinson, Beaumier

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Calloway reported work had been started by his committee but work was coming along slowly.

SENIOR DAY: 125 Angelina County Seniors were entertained on April 24. Homer Rogers acted as general chairman and Pat Scoggins was in charge of luncheon. Schedules were handled well and all students seemed to appreciate and enjoy affair. All High Schools in County were represented.

RIGHT OF WAY on Houston Highway reported coming in slowly. Chairman Shands said he hoped to finish work by June 1. Predicted some would have to be condemned and that court was ready to do this.

HJR 49: Burgess reported having spent 6 days in Austin working on resolution and contacting chambers of commerce over Texas. Reported Judge Jake Loy of Sherman and Curtis Morris of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce only two fighting resolution to the point of trying to defeat it in the legislature. Resolution passed the House by a good majority but fear was expressed that East Texas Chamber of Commerce could block it in the Senate. Durham and Thompson moved that the Directors request the East Texas Chamber of Commerce define its position on this bill.

CANNING PLANTS: Manager instructed to contact can manufacturing companies at Houston in regard to prospective ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ canning plants in Lufkin.

REPORT ON HOSPITALITY HOUSE indicated new location would be needed by January 1, 1946. It was pointed out that rent being paid would pay for a substantial part of the Farmer's Market. Agriculture Committee was instructed to look into matter of having market constructed by January 1, 1946.

REPORT ON ROCKLAND DAM was made by E. C. Durham, who stated at Beaumont Hearing, construction was opposed by Lufkin Group and believed with success. Supplemental information was being prepared to be presented to ~~Engin~~ U. S. Engineers before their final decision was made. He reported that Beaumont had approved a navigation project by the Bintliff Bros. of Houston, and the Manager was instructed to go to Houston the following day to contact Bintliff and to go on to Galveston to visit with the U. S. Engineers.

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REGULAR MEETING

DIRECTORS OF THE ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

June 14, 1945

PLACE: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE

TIME: 4:00 o'clock

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Stroud, Eaves, Greene, Brookshire, Shands, Beaumier, Taylor, Durham, Cloud, Calloway, Thompson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Henderson, Hinson, Koch, Kurth, Martin, Temple, Warren.

MEMBERSHIP: Calloway reported work would be continuous and that a few new members were coming in.

NECHES RIVER DAMS: Durham reported Secretary of War had turned down the proposed 35,000 acre Lower Neches River Authority Dam on the Neches at Rockland. The LNRA was reported trying to raise $5,000,000 as their share in the two larger projects, the Rockland and McGee Bend Dams scheduled to cost $28,000,000 and cover 254,000 acres of land. The Piney Creek Dam, said by the U. S. Engineers to store enough water for domestic purposes at Beaumont and Port Arthur, had been authorized as an emergency project but had been turned down by the LNRA.

Durham reported that Col. Chambers had extended an invitation to the Galveston Engineers(U. S. Engineers) to visit Lufkin.

HIGHWAYS: Shands stated County seemed favorable towards a county unit type of road ~~organization~~ system and that a county wide organization had been set up among citizens of Angelina County with J. W. Cloud as president.

Right of Way on U. S. 59 reported as coming slowly.

East Texas Chamber of Commerce staff members seemed to be for HJR 49 in its final form.

MILK PLANT: Beaumier reported a $50,000 milk plant being planned by local men to produce ice cream, and pasteurized milk. The Chamber of Commerce had asked WPB and others to grant permit.

STATE EXPERIMENT STATION: Beaumier reported East Texas Livestock Association and C. of C. successful in getting annual appropriation for Station raised from $5,970 to $12,280 annually. Stated Lane, Shivers and Smith in Senate and Lock, Helpenstill and Adams did good work in House. McDowell, acting director, of A. & M. Extension Service, had suggested more land purchased. Beaumier recommended that Lufkin ask for meeting with Directors of A. & M. College and promise to get more land when they get more money on which to operate.

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AGRICULTURE: President Stroud stated he would like to have Agricultural Committee make a study of tomatoe and Peaunut growming for the year of 1946. Also suggested quick action of Farmer's Market project.

HEALTH & SANITATION: Reported that work on Typhus Control Ordinance at standstill. It was guggested that group go to Lake Charles and report on activity in that town.

Burgess reported that two cafes had asked for army inspection and that this was agreeable to the city who planned to send sanitarian with army inspectors.

OFFICE FURNITURE: President asked for permission to purchase table for front office and book stand for manager's office, both being part of the original furniture purchased for office. Permission granted.

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PLACE: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TIME: 4:00 o'clock

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Stroud, Greene, Eaves, Thompson, Taylor, Shands, Hinson, Durham, Koch, Beaumier, Brookshire, Calloway

MOSQUITO CONTROL: President Stroud stated city officials desired an expression from the Chamber of Commerce regarding the mosquite hazard created by the drainage ditch along the Southern Pacific tracks through town. Thompson and Hinson moved that the Chamber of Commerce endorse the city's attempts to get the Southern Pacific to remodel the ditch so as to eliminate standing water, and to inform the Southern Pacific of this action.

CAFE INSPECTION BY THE ARMY: Reported delayed due to change in medical personnel of Camp Fannin.

HIGHWAYS: Shands reported city had made counter proposal to the State Highway Department on routes through city.

R.O.W. on U. S. 69 to Diboll reported at standstill. Taylor stated Chamber of Commerce once offered to underwrite reasonable cost of obtaining this and that the Commissioners Court must agree to the proposition before anything could be done. Durham and Thompson moved that the court be informed that the Chamber of Commerce was willing to furnish a man to complete the R.O.W. transactions and that H. J. Shands be authorized to secure proper person.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE: Stroud reported that Hospitality House would have to close on January 1 unless a new location is secured. It was suggested that if site could be selected, the amount of money now going into rent would finance a combination farmer's market and hospitality house. Shands and Durham were requested to go into matter of site. Beaumier and Eaves moved that Burgess go to Weatherford Market and check on operation and see if report as favorable as in 1940 when committee from Lufkin visited it.

LIVESTOCK SHOW: Due to war restrictions Forest Festival reported unable to run this year. Beaumier reported that at meeting of County Agricultural Workers Association they asked for a livestock show this fall. He stated no poultry would be exhibited and that prizes would run from $500 to $750; suggested that Agriculture Committee put on show assisted by the Merchants Committee.

MILK PLANT: Directors were of opinion that a new milk plant was needed badly and Thompson and Greene moved that the manager be authorized to do anything possible to assist Spencer Thompson and his local group obtain WPB permit to get equipment.

TEXAS STATE GUARD: Board of Directors gave its general approval of continued operation of the local Texas State Guard units.

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT: Reported at standstill.

TYPHUS CONTROL: Burgess reported on trip to Lake Charles by himself and Rev. Morris Elliott. They found this city working under program for 1½ years and were sold on the program. Beaumier and Calloway moved that the City Commission be asked to pass the proposed ordinance.

WAR SURPLUS PROPERTY: Thompson and Beaumier moved that the manager be authorized to call meetings regarding purchases of War Surplus propert by local political sub-divisions and nonprofit groups.

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DIRECTORS OF THE ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

August 9, 1945

PLACE: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TIME: 4:00 o'clock

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Stroud, Greene, Brookshire, Beaumier, Eaves, Koch, Thompson, Taylor, Martin, Temple, Hinson, Calloway.

LIVESTOCK SHOW: Martin announced that the dates selected were October 25, 26, 27, and that the Chamber of Commerce manager would manage the show; that a large carnival would be obtained and they also expected to have a rodeo. Premiums will be offered on all good types of livestock.

S. P. DRAINAGE DITCH: The manager was instructed to continue work with the city manager toward getting the mosquito hazard cleared up.

CITY ROUTES ON STATE HIGHWAYS: It was reported that the city commission had submitted their plan to the State Highway Commission and that these plans are now being studied at Austin.

HIGHWAY 69: It was the opinion of the directors present that the county is making progress on getting the right-of-way to Diboll. County Commissioner LaRue was reported to have said all should be obtained by the end of August.

FARMER'S MARKET: It was reported that so far no site had been obtained and that this was going to be a hard problem. The cotton belt property had been found not available for anything except industrial development. It was reiterated that the Farmer's Market must be built.

AIRPORTS: Thompson reported that work will start next week on the new county airport road and taking care of the erosion. On the city airport, Thompson stated this had been turned over to McQueen on a ten year contract and due to this it did not seem that the City Airport Advisory Committee would be needed.

CIVIC AND BEAUTIFICATION FOUNDATION: The manager reported that the Civic and Beautification Committee met on the morning of August 9th and recommended that the directors of the Chamber of Commerce go immediately into the organization of a Civic and Beautification Foundation and conduct the administration of the foundation as a staff function of the Chamber of Commerce. September 15th - October 15th was the time recommended.

MILK PLANT: Martin reported on the visit of a representative of the Department of Agriculture who was checking into the application of local business men to build a milk plant. It was believed that this representative would recommend the application. Martin stated that work was being done on the milk price and that the O.P.A. was being called on to straighten out the discrepancy on price of raw milk between Angelina, Cherokee, and Nacogdoches Counties.

NECHES RIVER DAMS: The following suggestions concerning these dams were discussed and approved:

1. All shippers were urged to have representatives at the September 4th hearing to be held in Houston by the I.C.C. concerning Bintliff Brothers navigation application.

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2. A meeting with the mayor of Beaumont was discussed and disapproved on the grounds of information contained in recent letters from the president of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, written to W. C. Trout.

3. It was recommended that just as soon as possible a survey should be conducted as to the number of farmers and ranchmen living in the territory to be covered by the large lakes.

4. A meeting with Mr. Clark, chairman of the Texas Board of Water Engineers was recommended in the near future.

5. It was suggested that the U. S. Engineers at Galveston again be invited to visit Lufkin.

6. Meetings to discuss the water situation were recommended with towns located in the upper Neches and Angelina drainage basins.

7. Invite the Sabine Neches River Authority to hold its first meeting in Lufkin.

8. Attempt to have a man from this area appointed on the Lower Neches River Authority Board.

9. Hold a meeting with Congressman Combs on his visit to Lufkin.

10. Suggested that the attorneys now working on the proposition continue their study of the constitutionality of Congress appropriating money for the dams.

11. In the event of a compromise determine just what type of dam would be acceptable to the Angelina County interests.

INDUSTRIAL POLICY: President Stroud stated that we could expect numerous proposed industrial projects for Lufkin, and it was his opinion that some study should be given to our industrial policy. The suggestion was referred to the Industrial Committee which will be asked to frame a policy or make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

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PLACE: Chamber of Commerce

TIME: 12:00 o'clock

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Stroud, Callaway, Shands, Greene, Beaumier, Warren, Cloud, Henderson, Martin

VISITORS PRESENT: Dick Wortham, W. C. Trout

NATURE OF THE MEETING: Congressman J. M. Combs called the manager the morning of August 31st, stating he would like to drive up and meet with the Board of Directors before returning to Washington and that he wanted to talk about the airport and the Rockland Dam. The congressman arrived at noon and attended a luncheon for himself and the directors.

AIRPORT: Mr. Combs stated there were three projects in his district that he considers of first priority. These were projects started by the government and unfinished, and included two small projects at Silsbee and the Lufkin airport. He suggested that the Lufkin group keep in contact and that he would work on the Washington end when money became available. He felt that airport and river and harbor appropriations would hold top priorities if and when funds were made available.

NAVIGATION: It was pointed out to Mr. Combs that the Flood Control Act of 1944 removed all priorities for navigation on rivers located in states lying wholly or partly west of the 98th Meridian. He was asked to check into this law and see if it could be amended so that as far as the federal government was concerned, navigation on Texas rivers would have the same status as in other states. W. R. Beaumier asked the congressman to work on the idea of having locks placed in any dams built, inasmuch as it was unconstitutional for the U. S. government to develop any lakes unless navigation were included in the proposal. Mr. Combs stated that he would do everything possible from a navigation end.

ROCKLAND AND McGEE BEND DAMS: Discussing the Rockland and McGee Bend Dams, the congressman stated frankly that he was for the larger dams. He did not believe any dams could be built without the help of the federal government, and he did not believe that the federal government would be interested in any dams unless they were large enough to produce enough power to help liquidate the cost of the project. He stated that when the L.N.V.A. officials came to Washington early in the year the army engineers told them that they did not favor the building of the smaller lake as it would interfere with the construction of the larger dams.

He stated that at the hearing in Beaumont, much of the opposition came because it was thought that a small lake would not help anything but Beaumont and Port Arthur. Mr. Combs stated that the little lake did not impound enough water to supply both the Beaumont-Port Arthur area and Lufkin.

Mr. Combs stated that he felt water was the most critical item in East Texas today. He stated the rayon industry went to Orange because the Neches River did not have sufficient water as it stood today. He said that every week industrial men came to his office looking for opportunities to establish chemical industries in this part of Texas and that these industries had to have immense supplies of water. He stated that the large lakes would provide sufficient amount of water, in fact they would store six times as much as allotted to the L.N.V.A. and that if the dams are built there will be no squabbling for the water. He pointed out that in the building of any dam the normal flow of the river must be maintained.

Mr. Combs stated that in the event the lakes were built he would be glad to introduce a bill into Congress setting up a time schedule that would allow the lumbermen sufficient time to get out the timber under an economical operation.

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Mr. Combs believes that inland waterways will be developed to a greater extent than ever visualized before and that if Lufkin really wanted navigation for the Neches River, some type of dams would have to be constructed to insure an even and normal flow of water.

It was pointed out to Mr. Combs that the injection of power into the project was responsible for 80% of the acreage of the timber lands to be covered up, and he was asked to see if there were some way to get the government to build these dams without making production of power a major issue.

The congressman promised to do three things--

1. Find out as quickly as possible just where the boundary of the lake will be; also where it will come at lower levels. He was surprised that no accurate engineering data is now available as to where the lakes will be located.

2. Go talk to the head engineers in Washington concerning the advisability of placing locks in all of the dams and pointing out to the engineers that the benefit derived from such an installation would absorb part of the loss sustained by covering up the large acreage of good timber. He suggested that someone from Lufkin come to Washington and go with him when these discussions were held.

3. Try to get the level of the lakes lowered, keeping in mind particularly the saving of Diboll from being covered up.

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MINUTES
DIRECTOR'S MEETING
ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
September 13, 1945

Presiding Officer: L. C. Martin

Directors Present: Stroud, Brookshire, Henderson, Beaumier, Greene, Eaves, Koch, Durham, Martin, Shands.

AIRPORT: Beaumier reported he had checked with CAA at Fort Worth. CAA stated plans for air port were in but no recommendations were being made as to which port was to be constructed first until the two bills before Congress had been acted upon. One bill was to be under CAA completely and Federal funds only would be expended. The other would call for ½ State participation.

La Rue reported to have grubbed out ½ of road around county airport and had promised to grade it in two weeks. When road completed, then the post-office department will be asked to approve new route for mail route.

HIGHWAYS: ROW on Highway 59 reported at standstill until duties of Jury Commission clarified. Koch offered to send State Highway man with committee to help on right-of-way. Shands stated he believed jury of review would go ahead. Koch reported all first year highway construction plans were ready for his district and Angelina County only one not ready with right-of-way.

Stroud and Durham moved that group meet with Jury of Review.

INDUSTRIAL FILM: The manager reported move to have industrial film of Lufkin made. Beaumier and Henderson moved that the matter be referred to the Industrial Committee and left up to its judgement.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CLINIC: Burgess stated he planned a series of small meetings inviting in all members and prospective members of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss town problems. Shands and Durham moved this be approved.

UNITED WAR CHEST: President Stroud stated meeting should be held soon to work out plans for drive. Beaumier moved that meeting be held within ten days and suggested each group report on what they are doing and how much money needed. Durham stated quota of $37,500 too high and that county group was not consulted when this was set.

MANAGER'S CAR ALLOWANCE: Beaumier and Koch moved that the manager's car allowance be increased $25 per month for the months of September, October, November and December.

DUSTY CROUCH: Durham state Crouch was leaving, and had done a good job and moved the Chamber of Commerce draw up a resolution commending his work and send copies to A. & M. College.

JOHN EWING, of Shreveport Times reported to have recommended Lufkin to certain business concerns. President Stroud stated he would write and extend the thanks of the Chamber of Commerce.

RATION BOARD: It was reported that Lufkin was about to lose Ration Board in the new districting program being set up. Durham and Shands moved that a barbecue be given for the present chairman and the Houston officials to express appreciation for the way it has been handled in the past.

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MINUTES
DIRECTOR'S MEETING
ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
October 2, 1945

PRESIDING OFFICER: R. B. Stroud

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Greene, Cloud, Beaumier, Koch, Eaves, Brookshire, Thompson, Taylor and Stroud.

SID SCOTT was introduced by Mr. Stroud. Mr. Scott, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, introduced a resolution which the Transportation Committee had unanimously passed in a meeting previously. The resolution was pertaining to HR 2536, known as the Bulwinkle Bill. The resolution was read by Mr. Scott who then held a general discussion.

MR. THOMPSON moved that the resolution be passed which was seconded by Mr. Cloud, and resolution was passed unanimously.

Meeting was then adjourned.

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REGULAR MEETING
DIRECTORS ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
October 11, 1945

TIME: 4:00 P. M.
PLACE: Chamber of Commerce
DIRECTORS PRESENT: W. R. Beaumier, Gary Eaves, Houston Brookshire, W. O. Greene, D. W. Thompson, F. L. Callaway, V. G. Koch, Y. L. Hinson, H. A. Taylor, R. B. Stroud.

HIGHWAYS: Beaumier reported that hearings were being held by the Commissioners Court on acquisition of right-of-way on U. S. 59 south, and that first condemnation suit was being held. He also mentioned that H. J. Shands had hired Sam J. Stovall to obtain information for the court. It appears that fourteen land owners south of town would be sued. Beaumier reported that north of town all land owners had been traded with except five.

AIRPORT ROAD: Directors reported that two-thirds of the new county road connecting the airport and Burke had been grubbed.

HIGGINS' BOAT TRIP: It was announced that high water had prevented clearing the river channel. It was generally agreed that after the channel had been cleared from Diboll to Rockland, we would take up the business of getting the $1000.00 bonus, then contact Higgins Boat Company that we were ready for him to navigate the Neches.

LIVESTOCK SHOW: It was announced that good interest was being shown and that for the first time in Angelina County, two calves were being fattened at Huntington for this show. An auction sale for these two calves was suggested.

ANGELINA BEAUTIFICATION FOUNDATION: Manager announced that the organization of this foundation had been completed and that a membership drive was planned for November 5.

INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE: Announcement was made that John Guild, Manager of the Industrial Department of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce planned to hold an institute here on October 10-11. Director Eaves mentioned that Lufkin had a surplus of factory workers and believed the Chamber of Commerce should try to attract some industries for them.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE AND FARMERS MARKET: Manager reported that the committee working on the above had just about settled on a site for the farmers market.

VETERANS CONTACT OFFICE: It was reported that a representative of the Veterans Administration had looked over the office sites and approved one of them for a Veterans Contact Office.

OPA DINNER: Beaumier announced that Thursday, October 18, had been selected as the date to honor the local rationing board and representatives from the Houston office. The Country Club had been selected.

No motions were made during the meeting.

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CALLED MEETING
DIRECTORS ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
October 16, 1945

PRESIDING OFFICER: R. B. Stroud

DIRECTORS PRESENT: R. B. Stroud, Y. L. Hinson, W. R. Beaumier, V. G. Koch, D. W. Thompson, H. J. Shands, Houston Brookshire, and F. L. Callaway.

President Stroud announced that H. J. Shands who had been working on the site for a farmers market had a report and recommendation to make.

Shands stated that the committee believed that the property owned by Mrs. Laura Kimmey on East Lufkin Street was the best that could be obtained. He stated there was plenty of room for any type of building needed, for parking, that the property was also well drained and only two blocks from the Post Office. The price set by Mrs. Kimmey was $4500.00 and Mr. Shands stated that he believed this was reasonable.

Thompson and Callaway moved that the Chamber of Commerce borrow $4500.00 or the amount necessary to purchase this tract of land from Mrs. Laura Kimmey, and that H. J. Shands be authorized to proceed with its acquisition. The land is to be used as a site for a farmers market. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED: R. B. Stroud
R. B. Stroud, President

Glenn Burgess
Glenn Burgess, Manager

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Minutes
Director's Meeting
Angelina County Chamber of Commerce

Nov. 8, 1945

TIME: 4:00 o'clock

Presiding Officer. (V. P.) L. C. Martin

Directors present: Martin, Brookshire, Callaway, Durham
Greene, Beaumier, Hinson, Taylor, Eaves.

FARMERS MARKET: Durham reported deal had been made for purchase of land for market, that the deeds had been prepared and were in transit. An abstract was ready.

HIGHWAYS: Beaumier reported still lacking four deeds north on Highway 59 and 4 south on that route. Predicted all would be cleared up by December 1 and that contract was due to be let on the section north of Lufkin in January.

NAVIGATION: Burgess reported he planned to make a trip down the Neches to try to determine how many logs needed to be removed before a Higgins Boat could come to Diboll on a trial run.

TIMBER RESOURCES SURVEY: Burgess reported the East Texas Chamber of Commerce had offered to make a survey of the timber resources of East Texas and had the backing of the various organizations interested in timber. Angelina County would be the guinea pig for the survey.

TWITCHELL WATER ARTICLE: Durham mentioned this article in a recent issue of the East Texas Magazine and stated he believed a similar one should be prepared pointing out the value of smaller dams so as to include navigation and preserve timberlands. He stated U. S. engineers had surveyed across his place and that the waterline of the proposed Rockland Dam would bisect his place--a distance of eight miles from the Neches.

LIVESTOCK SHOW: Beaumier reported a good show, fine entries, and good cooperation between different groups. He pointed out the lack of business men attending the show. Nice bids were made by O. L. Hubbard and Joe Mims on the two hereford calves. The show, operated by the agricultural committee, made a net profit of $55.

PASTURE IMPROVEMENT STATION: Announcement was made of the arrival of W. E. Roane, new superintendent of the station.

ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTORS: The manager reported that Stroud would call a meeting of the retiring directors and ask them to make nominations for new directors. Cards, asking for suggestions for new directors would be mailed to the members.

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2 minutes for November.

Hon. W. D. Winston, Mayor
City of Lufkin
Dear Mayor Winston:
The following is an extract of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce, November 8, 1945:

CITY AIRPARK ~~XXXXX~~ ADVISORY BOARD: The following motion ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ made by Dave Thompson, and seconded by E. C. Durham, was passed by unanimous vote: "That, in order to be in a better position to plan for the future and to take care of Federal appropriations for airpark expansion, it be recommended the City Commission of Lufkin appoint an advisory board whose duty it will be to study plans of operation, ~~xxxx~~ and ~~xxxxxxxx~~ permanent expansion of the Lufkin City Airpark."

ILLNESS OF COL. CHAMBERS. The manager reported the Colonel was ~~xxx~~ in a Houston Hospital. Thompson and Callaway moved that flowers and a letter be sent the Colonel.

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Minutes
Director's Meeting
Angelina County Chamber of Commerce
December 13, 1945

Time: 4:00 o'clock

PRESIDING OFFICER: R. B. Stroud

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Hinson, Beaumier, Shands, Greene, Stroud, Eaves, Thompson, Durham, Koch, Cloud, Taylor, Henderson.

Chamber of Commerce Clinic: The manager reported that the clinic, then being held, was developing some good thinking under the leadership of the past presidents. Attendance was good considering the time of the year. Eleven meetings would be held.

HIGHWAYS: Shands reported all but one land owner settled with north of Lufkin on Highway 59. The routings through the city were now up to the city commission, according to recent actions of the Highway Department, Shands stated.

VICTOR SCHOFFELMEYER, Agricultural and science editor of the Dallas Newws was a visitor and mentioned the planned Chemergic Conference in Lufkin for January 24-25. He stated he hoped that some day people of East Texas would figure out a way to wave 70% of the tree that is now being wasted.

BASEBALL: Beaumier reported Lufkin now in the East Texas League and that if enough season tickets are sold, the project can go over. Expecting contact from a major league soon.

FARMERS MARKET: Shands reported deeds signed and properly recorded. It was suggested the manager check on the Bryan and Shreveport plans and call a meeting of the building committee as soon as practicable.

President Stroud announced the following committees in connection with the Farmers Market:

Building Committee: E. C. Durham
(S. W. Henderson, Jr.
Co-chairmen

H. J. Shands, C. E. Cordts, and Walter Trout.

Operating Committee: W. R. Beaumier, L. C. Martin, Gary Eaves, Chester Davis, M. K. Ament and R. W. Poland--to be worked out on an overlapping three year basis.

JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Announcement was made that the younger men planned to reorganize the Junior Chamber of Commerce and that an endorsement of the movement would be required of the senior organization. This endorsement was made on a motion by Thompson and Shands.

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XXXX AUCTION RING: Col. Durham reported some Angelina County men were interested in establishing an auction in Lufkin to facilitate livestock sales and that they might want to set up on the grounds of the Forest Festival, Thompson and Cloud moved the directors endorse the project.

NEW DIRECTORS: President Stroud reported the election of six new directors to take the place of the retiring directors:

Retiring Directors: Gary Eaves, S. W. Henderson, Jr., E. L. Kurth, L. C. Martin, R. B. Stroud and H. A. Taylor.

New Directors: Clyde F. Woods, U. G. Medford, O. L. Hubbard, Walter Trout, C. E. Cordts, & K. W. Denman, Jr.

Directors retiring Dec. 31, 1946: Houston Brookshire, F. L. Callaway, Y. L. Hinson, V. G. Koch, H. G. Temple, R. D. Warren.

Directors retiring Dec. 31, 1947: W. R. Beaumier, J. W. Cloud, E. C. Durham, W. O. Greene, H. J. Shands, D. W. Thompson.

NEW OFFICERS: President Stroud appointed a special committee to make nominations for officers; and the following names were recommended: W. R. Beaumier, President; H. J. Shands, vice-president; C. E. Cordts, Treasurer; Glenn Burgess, Manager.

Nov. 17 & 18

NECHES RIVER SURVEY: the manager reported he made the trip from Diboll to the Jasper-Woodville Highway bridge by motor boat, a distance of 93 miles. He stated most of the logs encountered were located in a distance of 15 miles--from Biloxi Creek, up-stream. At the river stage of 7.24 at Diboll there were 116 logs that should come out, 95% in the xxx distance mentioned above. Three rapids might give some trouble

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Henderson -
Taylor
Medford
Denman
Stroud
Beaumier
Eaves
Greene
Woods
Cordts -
Shands -
Martin -
Callaway -
Thompson

Spec. Meeting -
Jan. 4 -
Directors & City Commission

Mayor mentioned spending #200,000
wants to issue non-interest bearing
bonds. #10 denominations & ups -

Need #50,000

Beaumier Suggests —
Steering Committee —

C. & C. - Members - {Non-Lions & Rotarians
Lions
Rotary

Sibbs
Winston
Thrash
Milligan

Income — #5,000 annually -

Thompson moves -
To assist City in working out plan —

Committee
Beaumier —
Shands
Eyden Medford
Dary Eaves
K. W. Denman, Jr.

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Directors Meeting — Regular

Jan — ~~16~~ 17

Beaumier
Calloway —
Woods
Koch
Shands
Greene —
Denman
Warren
Heisen
Shands

Report on Monthly Finances

Thompson — cordts — move
P.O. Be enlarged to take care of
U.S. Forest Civic offices

Need 10 horses —
add another floor — 3500 feet of floor
space —

Program of work adopted —
Thompson & Warren —

Membership and Budget committee
will work together during February —

Wild Life association met in Waco —
March 2-3 — Waco —
Warren ~~be~~ wants representatives —

Thompson —
aviation — Engineering recommended
announced new board appointed by city.
Study Plans
county airport needs some work —
New route opened — road closed across
airport

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Mrs Gilleam

Navigation — River 14.25 — Bintliff to visit New Orleans. Jan 23 — to 27

Thompson & Shands reported in ~~Cuba~~ contact with Combs — on Dams

Calloway & Jean Stotwell

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MINUTES
Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce
Thursday, February 14, 1946

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce was held in the Directors Room with the following present:

President W. R. Beaumier, Presiding; Vice-President H. J. Shands, Treasurer C. E. Cordts; O. L. Hubbard, K. W. Denman, Jr., E. C. Durham, Ulen Medford, W. O. Greene, J. W. Cloud, C. F. Woods, Henry Temple, Y. L. Hinson, F. L. Callaway, W. W. Trout. Manager Glenn Burgess was absent on navigation matters.

Financial report was studied and approved.

Directors were told the Dal-Air Line had started a daily service between Dallas and Houston and planned to augment the service at a later date.

O. L. Hubbard reported on plans for a Jersey Calf Club, stating efforts would be made to secure 15 sponsors, with registered heifers to be presented 4-H and FFA boys in the county.

C. E. Cordts reported briefly on a meeting of the Building Committee, stating efforts would be made to increase local construction of homes and office buildings. A vacancy survey was suggested.

K. W. Denman, Jr., told of the program held in Lufkin for presentation of special certificates and medals to Draft Board members from throughout Central East Texas.

W. O. Green reported the Beautification Foundation was proceeding to beautify courthouse and library grounds and planned an active program.

Walter Trout told the board a Farmers Market building had been designed by a member of the Foundry staff, to be constructed of steel, and that bids on construction had been sought from a Waco concern. Some definite action toward construction of the market was contemplated within the next month.

President Beaumier asked the board for guidance as to a Chamber of Commerce policy on the Rockland Dam, stating the Chamber had actively opposed the dam but had not been included in any activities. A thorough discussion of the Rockland and McGee Bend dams and navigation followed. It was the concensus that navigation would save Angelina County millions of dollars and build industry and that the large dams would prevent this. J. W. Cloud told of a meeting of the Sabine-Neches Conservation District he attended, at which he was a minority of one in opposing the big dams. The board members suggested that the president call a special meeting and invited D. W. Thompson, Martin Dies and others to confer with the board in regard to a future policy.

There being no further business the meeting stood adjourned.

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REGULAR MEETING
ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS
March 14, 1946

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Beaumier, Koch, Greene, Hubbard, Warren, Cordts, Medford, Woods, Callaway, Thompson, Hinson, Trout.

MEMBERSHIP: The president announced plans for a membership drive as soon as logical after the end of the Red Cross Drive.

FARMER'S MARKET: Announcement of bid for steel work amounted to $7,100, not including roof, sidewalls, or housing for hospitality house. L. Richardson had been asked to bid on wood structure and was working up plans. Fairbanks-Morse Scall people had been contacted.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE: Robert Hutson had sent word that he would have to have building by April 1. Possibility of moving to temporary quarters was discussed and the space being held by F. W. Woolworth was recommended.

NAVIGATION: Beaumier reported Navigation Committee had met and recommended the following:

A. Contact Galveston Engineering Office
B. Contact Texas Board of Water Engineers regarding State Regulations on navigation.
C. Send Burgess to Washington to meet with Congressman Combs and General Reybold, Chief of U. S. Engineers.
D. Make plans to go ahead with removal of logs from Neches and do some channel work.

Beaumier stated he and Burgess went to see Mr. Clark, Chairman of the State Board of Water Engineers and found him very friendly. Clark stated they had no regulations concerning removal of logs and the channel work contemplated. Clark suggested the formation of a Navigation District in order to be in a position to deal with governmental agencies and others. He also expressed the hope that a compromise could be worked out for a small dam.

DAMS: Thompson reported they had been able to cut appropriations bill from 4½ million to 1½ million and was only enough money to complete survey work. It was thought that it would be beneficial to have Engineers report and Lufkin had been promised a hearing on the report. From contacts with Galveston, Thompson believed Engineers believed that present costs would run from 55 to 75 million dollars instead of the 28 million, the original estimate, and that such a large project could not be liquidated through sale of water or electricity. Thompson stated Lufkin Industries were not willing to compromise on a smaller lake. He suggested at hearing that the navigation phase should be brought up and that we should ask for allocations of water.

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Burgess stated Bintliff thought he was ready to start on the Inter-Coastal Canal on May 1 and would be ready to work on the Neches idea after that date.

Thompson and Warren moved the Navigation Phase be followed up, as suggested by Navigation Committee.

PEPPER BILL: Affect of this bill on small stores was discussed and Callaway and Thompson moved that the two Texas Senators be asked to recommit the bill to Committee.

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REGUIAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

April 11, 1946

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Beaumier, Shands, Cordts, Callaway, Denman, Greene, Hinson, Hubbard, Koch, Medford, Trout, Woods.
VISITORS: Clayte Binion.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT was presented and approved by motion of Cordts and Hubbard

FARMER'S MARKET: It was reported that plans for the building had been held up pending their sketches by Harvey Moore of the Temple Lumber Company. Lonnie Richardson was working on plans to build the structure but could go no farther until Moore's plans were completed. It was announced the Hospitality House was being closed and that attempts to obtain the Woolworth building had not been successful. It was suggested that the contributors to the Hospitality House be contacted and ask if they would continue their contributions which would be applied on the liquidation of the cost of building the Farmer's Market.

HIGHWAYS: Shands reported the county out of right of way money with possibility of getting some from car registration fees. County Court refusing to borrow money to buy new right of way. Probably will need $25,000 to complete both Highway 59 and the new right of way in town. Attorney General had been written to find if county can pay for land out of permanent funds. Shands reported Southern Pine was donating 39 acres and that Reddit, Marcus Gibson and Mrs. Fairchild had given their land.

JURY SERVICE: Director Trout stated Chamber of Commerce should encourage good citizens to serve on the Jury . This subject referred to Public Affairs Committee.

NATIONAL GUARD: Denman reported the Military Affairs Committee had asked the Adjutant General of Texas to consider Lufkin as the location of National Guard units in the order named: 1. Air arm; 2, Hqts. Battery, anti-aircraft, 3, Mechanized cavalry.

PASTURE IMPROVEMENT CONTEST rules were presented by Agricultural Committee calling for $175 per year for a five year contest amounting to a total of $1050 for the period. Medford & Trout moved these be approved.

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MILK PLANT: Woods announced the Land 'O Pines milk plant had put on a production man whose work was to help farmers increase their milk production.

NAVIGATION: President Beaumier reported on visit to Lt. Col. Norman of the U. S. Engineers in Galveston, with Clyde Thompson and Burgess and with the Texas Foundries. Norman, according to Beaumier was friendly and suggested traffic tonnage survey in Lufkin area and surrounding counties, and later on a hearing regarding Navigation. Norman told the group that all information would be available for the Dams hearing. Norman was told that the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce was working for navigation regardless of whether or not dams were built and regardless of size, and that Lufkin was particularly anxious that no designs of dams prevent future navigation possibilities. Norman assured the committee nothing would be done to block future navigation .

RENT CONTROL: A recommendation of the housing committee was presented asking for rent control. Clayte Binion, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce stated his organization had endorsed the move. It was the opinion of the majority of the board that they were against such regulations, but due to the acute conditions it was moved that the request for rent control be given active support and that it be recommended that the rents be rolled back to June 1, 1944.

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REGULAR MEETING OF DIRECTORS

ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

May 9, 1946

PRESIDING OFFICER: Beaumier

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Beaumier, Durham, Cordts, Medford, Hinson, Calloway, Greene, Brookshire, Denman, Hubbard, Woods, Shands.

RENT CONTROL: Burgess reported that every third block of Lufkin had been surveyed by a representative of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and that he reported the situation bad. His report would go to Washington and be acted on by Rent Control. This had not been done on June 3.

AVIATION: Beaumier reported he and Satterwhite had met with City Commission and reported Texas Airlines unable to stop here because of bad airport and that Dal-Air Lines might have to discontinue stopping. C. of C. had volunteered to help pay engineering expenses. City officials reported receptive to problem. Carter and Burgess of Fort Worth, Engineers who had been working on project recommended shorter runways than had been recommended to the City Comission, thereby cutting the costs by $25,000. Carter was due in Lufkin May 13.

NAVIGATION: Burgess reported meeting with C. C. Burger, Chief, of Rivers and Harbors Division Office, Chief of Engineers, War Department, in Washington. Objectives of this chamber of commerce were explained to Burger, particularly our aims concerning Navigation. Burgess reported a courteous hearing and stated Burger felt the project of the dams would come out considerably different from Senate Document 98, due to changing economic conditions in the area and to inaccurate data included in the 1939 report. Burger said no one would would know where proposed lake waters would come until all data had been correlated in July and later a hearing would be held. Burger suggested a resolution to be presented by Combs to the Rivers and Harbors Committee. Combs was in Beaumont and on his return from Washington, Burgess visited him there and Combs promised to present the following resolution: "Resolved that the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors review prior reports on the Neches and Angelina Rivers in Texas to determine whether any modification thereof is adviaable at the present time, particularly with a view to providing for additional navigation facilities.

HIGHWAYS: Shands reported all but one property owner settled with in one form or other on Hwy 59. 7 or 8 were being condemned. Bids had been opened on grading and drainage on 59 from Angelina River south towards Lufkin. City starting on R. O. W. on new routes through city. Topping started on old Diboll Highway, and work of retopping 94 west had been started.

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SPECIAL MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

May 28, 1946

PRESENT: Medford, Thompson, Hubbard, Denman, Koch, Trout, Wood, Callaway.

WATER PROOF PAPER PLANT: Dave Thompson stated a northeastern man was ready to come to Lufkin to erect a plant costing two to three million dollars to manufacture water proof paper from pulp produced by the Southland Paper Mill. Steam, Water, and electricity would be furnished by Southland. It would be a Texas Corporation requiring no local financing.

The plant was to be located across the Highway 103 from the paper mill on a 30 acre tract owned by Tom Short who would sell for $3250 or $3500.

Thompson stated it was thought the people of Lufkin would like to show their appreciation by donating the site as a token of goodwill and that such would not ~~xxxxxx~~ constitute a subsidy. He said the industries represented by E. L. Kurth would donate $750 of that amount if the other business concerns would raise the balance.

Hubbard-Medford moved this project be undertaken and that it be referred to the new industries committee for action.

CASE BILL: It was announced that industrial men of the town were wiring Connally, congratulations on his vote for the Case Bill and expressing the hope that he could influence the president to sign the final bill. Thompson and Callaway moved that Burgess send such a telegram.

NATIONAL GUARD UNITS: Burgess reported the Military Affairs Committee would like to have the official sanction of the Board in regard to the units assigned which would be comprised of 40 officers, 3 warrant officers and 219 enlisted men, consisting of the Headquarters, the Headquarters & Service Company, attached medical unit, and a Treadway Bridge Company, all of the 100the Engineers. Thompson and Trout moved that the Chamber of Commerce endorse the project and offer its cooperation to the Adjutant General of Texas.

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LABOR LEGISLATION: Burgess was instructed to send telegrams to two senators and Congressman Combs urging quick settlement of Coal Strike.

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REGULAR MEETING
DIRECTORS ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
June 13, 1946

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Beaumier, Callaway, Hubbard, Thompson, Greene, Woods, Durham, Medford and Trout.

VISITORS: Patterson, Binion, Chester Davis, Stroud.

RENT CONTROL: Burgess announced he had received a telegram from Combs stating Rent Control would go in effect on August 1, 1946. He also stated an O.P.A. official had called and wanted a place to put the furniture that was to go into the Rent Control Office.

FARMERS MARKET: President Beaumier stated he wanted this problem settled, that it had been under consideration for a long period of time, and it was his opinion, that the market should be built now or the idea given up and the land sold. He explained that the Chamber of Commerce was paying the interest and that $817.00 of the Hospitality Funds had been used towards cutting the $4,500. note down. He stated it was his belief that if the market were not built now, a Co-op financed by Federal loans would come in, and that those wanting the co-op and others were saying that the Chamber of Commerce was intentionally stalling to try to kill the farmer's market. He said the finance committee of the Farmer's Market would like to have an expression from the Board.

E. C. Durham, speaking as a member of the finance committee, said there was some argument for putting off the project. The farmers were not growing much crops this year, especially of the type that would be marketed this fall through a market, and that this would cause the market to get off to a slow start, However, with the Hospitality House closed down, he was afraid the income could not be maintained from the contributors, and for that reason, with everything else being equal, it might be better to go ahead.

Burgess was asked to present plans that were being drawn up by W. A. Foster, Jr., local contractor who spent three years in the Army Engineers as instructor on erection of Quonset Huts. These plans called for 4320 square feet of floor space, using Quonset 24's, a built-in front, a 24 x 24 ft. Hospitality House with rest rooms, a 16 x 24 cafe space, all set on concrete foundation. No hardsurface flooring was figured in on the courtyard and the market space under the Quonset huts. Built near or in conjunction with, would be some 50 ft. scales that should be self-liquidating. The estimated cost for this type of building--$9,568.

Discussion also centered on a visit from a representative of the Veterans Administration who was advocating the establishment of a Veterans Service Center. It had been suggested that an additional office space of 20 x 24 be provided adjacent to the Hospitality House. The U. S. Employment Service would provide two new men to handle employment problems of Veterans. The Veterans Administration would

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place another Contact man, and an Educational Advisor in the center, these in addition to the men already located in Lufkin. The U. S. Employment Service thought they had enough furniture to furnish the office. Lufkin would be required to furnish utilities and one paid employee who would act as director. It was felt this type of center would be needed to make it possible for the servicing of Veterans problems.

On a motion by Medford and Thompson, the board tentatively approved the plans as presented and recommended to the Finance Committee that they proceed with plans for financing the project.

HIGH COMMERCIAL RENTS: Five tenants representing Pineywoods Business College, Lufkin Paint Co., Wadel-Connally, the Fashion Shop and the City News Stand appeared before the board and told of recent increases of rent of 100%. Pat Scoggins stated his had been raised from $55 to $100 and he had been informed his would go to $150. The others had been increased from $100 to $200. Scoggins stated he was charging his students the same price as in 1931. Last year his students brought to Lufkin $60,000 in income and this year he thought it would reach $100,000. Mention was made that building sites were being held for prices too high to admit the construction of office buildings and store buildings at this time.

DURHAM AND CALLOWAY made the following motion: "While it is realized that building owners are due a reasonable increase in rents to take care of increased taxes and costs of up-keep, an exhorbitant advance, while helping a few, is extremely detrimental to the community as a whole. Therefore be it moved that the President appoint a special committee to take action on the problem; that the Chamber of Commerce make a complete survey of the commercial rental situation and that due publicity be given those who are still charging reasonable prices; that the value and for-sale price of vacant property be determined; that the special committee take this information regarding building rentals and vacant business lots to the various boards of equalization and suggest that assessed valuations be raised in accordance to new rental incomes and to new prices for which the vacant property is being held.

GRADED BULL: Announcement was made that the Texas Power & Light Company had presented a fine Jersey Bull for the use of the FFA and 4-H Club Boys who were the owners of the calves presented to them this spring by the Chamber of Commerce. The only condition stipulated was the return of the Bull to the Company in case it developed the bull was no longer needed in Angelina County. Trout and Callaway moved that a resolution be sent to Mr. Carpenter, President of the Texas Power & Light Company.

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Directors Meeting —

Aug. 15, 1946

Minutes Joint — Thompson & Callaway

Thompson & Shands move acceptance of Burgess Resignation — Passed —

Burgess reported a" Jacksonville Hearing
2 Meeting with U.S. Engineers
3. Highway 84 Hearing —

Duncan - Nelford move Invite Hearing to be held here

Shall

Thompson - Brookshire — move Manager be instructed to help with Dies & Collins and participate in Hearing

T.B. assn — Shands & Thompson move can come in Temporary, or until Jan. 1 —

Sit Light n Navigation ———

Mayor — call meeting Aviation Committee
Get Dexter Satterwhite — to meet Harlingen group —

Beaumie —
Shands
Callaway
Denman
Hubbard
Brookshire
Wood
Hinson
Durham
Thompson
Nelford
Short

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Farmers Market –

Simon Henderson appeared before city Commission — and offered site if city would

~~Studs~~ Thompson + Denham moved lot be donated to city & city would build and operate Farmers Market –

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Scott ~~Sayers~~
Elbert Clark
1477 - A.L. Finley
- Clyde ~~Thompson~~
~~[illegible]~~ K Morris
Harold Lee
Roy Spears
~~John Dixon~~ R.M. Woodall
Arthur Temple -
Leland Petty
- R W Waltham
1605 - ~~W.D~~ Newsom 747
~~R.M. Woodall~~
~~K. Morris~~
Geo. Henderson
C.B. Ragland
John Dixon
Dixon Abney

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REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANGELINA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
August 15, 1946

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Beaumier, Shands, Callaway, Denman, Hubbard, Brookshire, Wood, Hinson, Durham, Thompson, Medford, Trout.

THE MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT were read and approved on motion by Thompson and Callaway.

RESIGNATION OF MANAGER: President Beaumier called on the manager to make a statement of policy regarding the management of the Chamber of Commerce. Glenn Burgess stated: "Before I came here, managers of larger chambers of commerce told me that Lufkin was a two-year town as far as city managers and chamber of commerce managers were concerned, and that in a city as large as Lufkin this had weakened the strength of the organization. No chamber of commerce manager can get a program working within that short a time as each man coming on has to start over again and most of his foundation work is lost. This is also true of the Texas Forest Festival.

"I came here with my eyes open and have enjoyed the work here. I have tried to take a middle road, working both with the retail and industrial men as each is a valuable component of the community. According to your President, it would seem that I am not accomplishing the job of bringing the two groups together as they should be. Some members, and a larger number than you probably realize, think I spend too much time working against the big dams; others think it silly to be working on navigation of the Neches River; a few don't think I have any business working on the Texas Forest Festival even though it has been the policy of this Chamber of Commerce to have their manager be the manager of the Forest Festival as well; there are some who think I spend too much time working for the industries and roundly criticized me when I worked on the present drive for funds to buy the site for the new paper plant; some have criticized me for working closely with the president of this organization, and there may be some who think I spend too much time with the retailers.

"Now when I came here, I asked only one favor, and that was for those running the Chamber of Commerce to come to me when they felt I was doing something that was out of line with policy or something that was not for the best of the community. A few have done this, and I have always made them feel that their criticism was welcomed and that I appreciated it. The only criticism I have is that those who seemed to think my work was not satisfactory have not come to me about it.

"My contract runs until January 1, at which time the new board will elect officers and will decide whether they want me to remain or will want to get a new manager.

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"In order to clear the decks for policy making, I am today presenting my verbal resignation asking that it become effective January 1, with the thought that if I obtain a desirable connection before that time, that I be allowed to leave with one month's notice. I do not want to leave before the close of the Forest Festival because, that would be too much of a burden on the board of directors of the Festival at this stage of the game."

President Beaumier then stated he had called a meeting of the Board on the 14th to discuss this matter after being approached by some directors on the problem and that he thought in fairness to the manager, that the matter should be brought up at this meeting.

After a short discussion, Thompson and Shands moved that the resignation as stated be accepted and the motion carried.

SABINE-NECHES WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HEARING AT JACKSONVILLE:

Burgess reported that only projects proposed for the development of the Neches system above Lufkin were discussed, and that he had gotten the agreement between the LNVA and the U. S. Engineers that the McGee Bend and Rockland projects would not be discussed at this hearing. However, most of the groups who spoke, endorsed the two dams. Statistics on shipping in the six counties likely to be affected by navigation of the Neches were presented by Burgess with the request that a survey of the prospects for Navigation be made by the U. S. Engineers. He reported that Judge J. E. Sturrock of Austin, Easterling of the LNVA and the railroads raised objections at the hearing. The general need for water for towns up-stream was stressed.

ROCKLAND AND MCGEE BEND HEARING: Burgess stated he had visited the U. S. Engineers office in Galveston and had invited them to hold the hearing in Lufkin and that Col. Griffith seemed hostile to the idea. Durham and Medford moved that a written invitation be mailed the Engineers and that Congressman Combs be requested to write in our behalf.

HIGHWAY 164 HEARING: The manager reported the Association with representatives from Lufkin to Mart met with the Highway Commission in Austin on July 31 asking for improvements between Crockett and Groesbeck. It was believed the Commission would sign an order for 24 miles of completed road from Groesbeck east.

PARTICIPATION IN ROCKLAND-MCGEE BEND HEARING: On a motion by Thompson and Brookshire, the manager was instructed to participate in the hearing and work closely with Dies and Collins.

OFFICE SPACE FOR COUNTY TB ASSOCIATION: Beaumier reported that Herman Taylor, county chairman of the Association had asked for temporary office space in the Chamber of Commerce. Shands and Thompson moved that temporary space be provided until another office was located or until January 1.

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NAVIGATION POLICY: It was agreed to take no step on future action until the hearing on the McGee Bend and Rockland Dams in October, inasmuch as much depended on the outcome of the hearing, and navigation would not be discussed.

HARLINGEN "AIR-DAY". Beaumier reported the Mayor had been asked to send a queen to the event on September 7 and that a group from Harlingen would be here at 4:40 the afternoon of August 21. The matter was referred to the aviation committee requesting cooperation with the City in entertaining the visitors.

FARMERS MARKET: Shands reported Simon Henderson, Jr., on recommendation of the committee, appeared before the City Commission and offered the site if the city would build, maintain, and operate a desirable market. Shands stated the committees had found that none had been built in Texas in any other manner. Thompson and Durham moved that the lot now owned by the Chamber of Commerce be offered to the city under the conditions stated by Mr. Shands with the stipulation that the land be returned to the Chamber of Commerce if the city ceased to use it for this purpose.

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Beaumier —
Thompson —
L. Hubbard —
Henry Temple —
Clyde Thompson —
Denman —
Cordts —
Koch —
Shands —
Medford —
Callaway —
Durham —

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C. & C. Directors

airport ~~Found~~ Report —
county given Carter & Burgess
Leeway to go ahead with
application on county airport
and ~~Report~~ necessity Report will be
mailed Oct. 11, 1946 —

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2. Community works - & planning -

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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, November 21, 1946

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Beaumier, Shands, Hubbard, Callaway, Woods, Greene, Cordts, Thompson, Cloud, Medford, Durham

VISITORS: Harold Lee

FINANCIAL STATEMENT was presented and discussed by the group as a whole with suggestions as to how to increase the amount in the treasury. It was stated by Ulen Medford that the money would have to be raised in the membership of the Chamber by increasing the amount pledged at the first of the year. The amount in the Treasury on the first of November was shown to be $87.35, and it was estimated by W. R. Beaumier that there would be a debt of $1000.00 by the first of the year. Beaumier suggested that since the Industrial Fund, in the amount of $2515.50, was deposited with the regular Chamber of Commerce account, the Chamber borrow the amount necessary to keep the Chamber in operation until the dues come in on the 1st of January. This was approved by the group.

NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS were presented to the Board by F. L. Callaway, chairman of the Nominations Committee. The Board approved the nominations and the following names will appear on the ballot:

Scott Sayers
Elbert Clark
O. L. Finley
Clyde Thompson
K. Morris
Harold Lee
Roy Spears
R. M. Woodall
Arthur Temple, Jr.
Leland Petty
R. W. Wortham
W. D. Newsom

The ballots will be mailed out over the weekend following the meeting and ten days be allowed for return of the ballots, at which time a meeting of the same Nominations Committee would be called to count them.

HAROLD LEE reported on the progress his Retail Trade Committee was making in arranging for Christmas lighting, a Santa Claus parade, and other decorations for the town at Christmas time. He reported that over $800.00 had been pledged and partly paid into the fund by the merchants themselves and that all merchants working on the drive to raise the amount needed had not reported. He stated that around $1,000. was needed to put over a program suitable and that he expected to get that amount. He asked the Board for suggestions as to the time for the parade. E. C. Durham suggested having two parades--one at seven p. m. and one at four-thirty p. m. C. E. Cordts suggested that the County and City school superintendents be contacted to turn out the County and City Schools for the parade and have it at three p. m.

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ANNUAL BANQUET: Beaumier stated that the Annual Banquet would be held in January and the final date would depend on the time a speaker could be secured. He stated that A. E. Cudlipp was in charge of the activities for the banquet.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: C. E. Cordts suggested that an audit should be made of the books for the new manager to take over the first of the year. Beaumier then appointed C. F. Woods as Chairman of the Audit Committee with L. C. Martin and Ray Horn serving with him.

JASPER HEARING: Beaumier reported on the hearing held on the Rockland-McGee Bend Dams in Jasper on November 13. He stated that he was unable to attend but that information prepared by Glenn Burgess and presented to the U. S. Engineers at Galveston previously, together with a letter from Beaumier, was presented at the hearing by Martin Dies representing the Chamber of Commerce. He also stated that J. M. Combs told him that the McGee Bend dam and Dam B. had the support of the U. S. Engineers, with Rockland and Dam A. to be deferred. Congressman Combs was confident the project would get approval by Congress, he said.