



July 18, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Introduction & Opening:

The July meeting was held at Mamacitas and hosted/sponsored by Cemex. Clifton Stapleton opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

Member companies present were: Ashley Furniture, Cemex, Coleman, CISD, Detex, FedEx Services, Frost Bank, Great American Products, Hawkins Personnel, NB Chamber of Commerce, Priority Personnel, Resource Mfg., Star Manufacturing and TXI.

Mike Lovay introduced Ed Hundley and Matt Lang from the fabrication division which Star Manufacturing has recently purchased.

New Business:

The New Braunfels Manufacturers Association will have a booth at the trade show sponsored by the chamber. The NBMA board made an executive decision to submit the deposit for the booth in the amount of \$225 because the deadline occurred before this meeting. Clifton asked if any member disagrees with participating in the trade show or if we should commit the rest of the funds for the booth. Mike Lovay from Star motioned that we do a booth because it coincides with the membership campaign. George Bal seconded the motion. The motion carried by majority voice vote.

Committee Reports:

- Fundraising:
 - o The golf tournament will be held on September 23.
 - o Tom Brooks has agreed to assist Lyndon with the tournament

- Scholarship:
 - o 5 scholarships have been awarded. George will get the names to the NBMA board so that we can have an official presentation with certificates
 - o More applications are being reviewed.

Featured Program:

Clifton introduced Danny Scheel, Comal County Judge. Judge Scheel informed the group on upcoming flood control projects that are awaiting FEMA grants. Highway 46 and 281 will not be toll roads contrary to newspaper reports. TX Dot is involved and the "toll" is a repayment program from TX Dot to Comal County. The Trans Tex corridor is a major issue. Judge Scheel attended a meeting the panel could not answer important issues such as right of way access, railway access, costs, connections to New Braunfels, effect on local business, etc... There will be a hearing in Seguin in August regarding the

Trans-Tex Corridor. Judge Scheel encouraged everyone to attend and voice their opinions on the plans.

Judge Scheel also discussed the Comal budget which is in progress. Expenditures are increasing due to growth. A new district court has been awarded for January 2007. The courthouse restoration is on hold for funding & grants. The annex building is overcrowded, so a new 2-story office structure will be built to move offices, increase security at the annex and make County government offices more organized.

Chamber Report:

Rusty Brockman provided a report on up-coming programs, prospects and new businesses for the area. More information will be distributed through Rusty's weekly update.

Next Meeting:

The August meeting program will be provided by McKenna, who will host the meeting. The luncheon which will be held at the McKenna Children's Museum at 11:45 a.m. Please RSVP to Rusty at 625-2385 or rusty@nbcham.org.

Respectfully submitted: Paul W. Webber, Secretary/Treasurer