



### ***Opening & Introductions:***

The meeting was held at Honors Hall on May 17, 2011. Albert Ranzau opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

Members present were:

Cemex, CTTC, Detex Corporation, Vantem Panels, FedEx Services, Great American Products, Hawkins Personnel Group, ITM, Lionhaerat Assurance Solutions, New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, New Braunfels Utilities, New Braunfels Smokehouse, Priority Personnel, Inc., and TXI.

Guests present were:

Bryan Dolch with MEDA Technical Services in Seguin.  
Mac McDonald & David Densford with Vantem Panels

### ***Committee Reports:***

Treasurer Report:

The treasurer reported that there is a balance of \$8,471.54. We are still receiving the membership payments for 2011 also.

Scholarship Committee:

Jerry Negrete stated that the winners of this year Scholarship Awards were as follows:

Courtney Hannsman  
Fernando Quintanilla  
Geoffrey Gonzales Jr.  
Landon Peter Resek

### ***Featured program:***

Our guest speaker is Paula DiFonzo, General Manager and CEO of New Braunfels Utilities.

Mrs. DiFonzo presented a presentation on NBU's focus on the Commercial Customer. Her focus today was about the recent cold weather, rebates and the Commercial customer.

Mrs. DiFonzo went on to talk about the steps and procedures that were used when the weather turned rather cold a few months ago. She stated that NBU was very thankful that TXI and Cemex business were able to shed a substantial amount of power for NBU at that time. Their cooperation was very much appreciated.

NBU customers experienced "Rolling Outage" throughout the day during the cold weather. Mrs. DiFonzo also discussed the various levels of the EEA-Energy Emergency Alert Plan that is in place.



Mrs. DiFonzo went on to explain the different types rebates that NBU is offering at this time for both Commercial and Residential. Some of the rebates that were discussed were, Rain Barrel Harvesting, Low Flush Toilets, Solar Screen/Film and Washing Machines. She stated that as of right now, any type of Solar or Wind rebates is not available.

Mrs. DiFonzo discussed the Waste Management Project that is in service. The Waste Management Company installed a system that uses the Methane gas that is generated from the landfill. This methane gas is used to supply power to gas compressors which in turn produced energy that New Braunfels Utilities is able to use. New Braunfels Utilities has a 20 year contract as of now with Waste Management. This is a very beneficial setup for each of these companies.

Mrs. DiFonzo discussed the "Budget" process within NBU. NBU is looking at the expansion of some of their Substations, Transmission Lines, Water Treatment Facilities and replacement of Water Valves.

***Chamber Report:***

Rusty Brockman reported on various projects around the surrounding counties. He talked about the Bulverde Training Center, various projects that are underway in the Creekside Business Center (Connecting of streets, Whataburger, the Baptist Hospital, and of course Bucky's). There is a new Discount Tire facility that is being built over by the new HEB Shopping Center. He remarked on the status of the new Office Building that is being built on Hwy. 306 across from the Gruene Harley Store.

***CTTC Report:***

Sandi Boyd reported that all of the applicants have been placed in internships; however, she is still looking for internships within the IT departments.

***Next Meeting:***

The next meeting will be held on June 13, 2011 at 11:45am at the TXI Hunter Cement Plant. The scheduled program is a joint meeting with NBMA/SMMA.

Respectfully submitted by:

James Ross

Secretary/Treasurer 2011