



October 18, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The October meeting was held at Seekatz Opera House. Arnold Cardenas, opened the meeting by welcoming new members and guests. There were numerous guests and potential members as part of the membership drive. The Treasurer's report was provided and the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Arnold Cardenas introduced Greg Malatek, TXDOT Engineer, as the guest speaker for the meeting. Greg provided an update on the numerous projects in and around the New Braunfels area, including proposed projects and projects going out to bid. Greg informed the group that despite the seemingly slow pace of the IH 35 project, the contractor is at least six months ahead of schedule. Many of our frontage roads are 40 to 50 years old and so as opportunities arise, they are updated. Since there is not an unlimited budget, roads with lesser traffic volumes are a lower priority than roads with higher traffic volumes. The population growth in New Braunfels and Comal County pose additional challenges for TXDOT.

The membership committee provided an update on the membership campaign. Four new membership applications were approved by the voting members present. FedEx Services, T Bar M Ranch Resort, Hawkins Personnel Group, and Ashley Furniture Homestores (Distribution Center) were approved for Associate Membership.

The fundraising committee provided an update of the golf tournament held at The Bandit Golf Course on October 1, 2005. The tournament raised significant funds for NBMA's scholarship program. Participants were enthusiastic about the fun they had and support additional tournaments for such a worthy cause.

Suggestions for next year's programs are welcomed by the Executive Committee. Hosts and sponsors will also be sought. A sign up sheet is available at the greeting table.

Doug Toney, Publisher of the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung will be our guest speaker at the December 20 meeting, location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted: Arnold J. Cardenas, Secretary/Treasurer & Vice President