

Sabine County Economic Development Progress Report
May 1 – May 31, 2017
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- Attended the SCEDAC meeting on May 18 in Hemphill. I came in early and had visits with Jerry Howell at Sabine County Hospital, Benn Bundy, Andrew Mills, Pennie Ferguson, and Reese Briggs. Went to look at Fairmount development progress. Had phone conversation with Jim Moyer and are scheduled to meet with him in June.
- Have had several conversations with Don Iles concerning Project Polymer and are continuing to gather information such as sample incentive letter to make our proposal on the project.
- Have sent the hotel feasibility study to several hotel developers/owner contacts that were made at ICSC as well as the Best Western regional manager for Texas and have been following up. Best Western has asked us to put together information on driver that would generate hotel stays in Sabine County. This document was finalized and sent to Best Western as well as other ICSC contacts. I have requested a meeting with Best Western in Dallas when I am at TEDC in Plano in the first week of June.
- Had a meeting in College Station with a hotel developer from Houston that not only builds hotel developments but also has business acquaintance that build hotel projects in rural areas. I provided him copies of our hotel study and list of drivers and have had several conversations with him since our meeting on May 19. He will contact me after he has had a chance to discuss the potential of our hotel project with some of his business acquaintances.
- Have been doing research on other hotel chains that look at rural areas and will be sending our study to them after personal contact is made.
- Visited with the Real Estate Manager with Shopko concerning their future plans for Hemphill. Currently they do not have anything scheduled in Texas for 2017 due to absorption of current projects and the downturn in retail nationwide. He did encourage me to send them information that might be relevant to their operation.
- Compiled the SWOT information obtained at the Essentials Workshop and presented the final document to SCEDAC at the May 18 meeting. This will be a part of our SCEDAC strategic plan.
- Also am compiling information obtained from Business Retention Survey that was completed by 10 local businesses during the Economic Essentials workshop
- Working on putting together the initial format for the development of the Sabine County Economic Development Strategic Plan. Should have initial draft outline to present to the SCEDAC meeting on June 15.
- Working on developing several variations of community profile pages to be used in marketing Sabine County utilizing the Texas Forest Country Partnership Zoom Prospector information.

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I hereby certify that these documents were filed and duly recorded in the Commissioner Court Minutes of Sabine County, Texas.

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By Brad Huffman
Deputy



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