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**Sabine County Economic Development Progress Report
July 1 – July 31, 2017
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- Attended the SCEDAC meeting on July 20 in Hemphill
- Continue to stay in touch with Don Iles concerning Project Polymer. The incentive letter was revised to enhance our package and sent to the company on July 28.
- Have continued to follow-up with a hotel developer from Houston that not only builds hotel developments but also has business acquaintances that build hotel projects in rural areas. I will be bringing him to Sabine County for a site visit to get the lay of the land and get his input on the best approach and type of facility in either late August or early September.
- The developer mentioned in the above bullet is also representing a start-up business in Colorado that uses wood products in his manufacturing and is looking to expand his operation and/or contract with companies that can provide specific millwork services that he is having trouble locating in Colorado. The developer will be meeting with the company to get more specific information on his needs so that we can do our research.
- Sent the hotel sites document to the Choice Hotels and Best Western contacts but have not been able to make direct contact with either group. Both contacts have been on vacation in July.
- Visited with Rebecca Dudensing concerning the Ag initiative and get her to help me with information needed from Brookshire Brothers.
- Visited with Darrell Brandon, Category Manager Produce with Brookshire Brothers concerning their usage of locally grown produce. It was a very insightful conversation and I will draft a re-cap of our visit and distribute it to the SCEDAC members.
- Completed the initial draft of the Sabine County Economic Development Strategic Plan. Will present initial draft at the SCEDAC meeting on August 14 for discussion and revision. Then a final format will be developed that will allow us to track our progress on the plan and review the plan at each SCEDAC meeting. I reviewed the draft of the Texas Forest Country Partnership SET Plan and the SWOT Analysis of Sabine County to develop parts of our plan.
- Continuing to work on developing several variations of community profile pages to be used in marketing Sabine County and developing the economic development web pages.