

Sabine County Economic Development Progress Report
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- I had several conversations with Don Iles and one of the principals, Paul Grillo, of 2BeGreen (Project Polymer) about information needed to complete the Texas Capital Fund application. Also had numerous phone calls with Randy Blanks to prepare for the completion of the Texas Capital Fund application. The application was completed and hand delivered to the Texas Department of Agriculture on December 19. We are hopeful to hear from the application soon. \$2 million was available in December and our application was for \$1 million.
- I also followed up with the Jordan Robinson, Robert Allen, and Zach Scott with the Governor's Office of Economic Development to see if there are any other State of Texas incentives that Sabine County can access for Project Polymer. Jordan and Zach followed up with Paul Grillo to explain other possibilities.
- Forwarded the article that was in the Daily News Toledo Bend on 2BeGreen and it was published in the Texas Economic Development Council's News and Noteworthy weekly statewide email blast. The article is attached to this report.
- I have been following up on the leads I received at the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Deal Making Event on November 9 & 10 in Dallas. I am hopeful to have a site visit from one fast food restaurant in January. Have been doing some research on potential land sites for them to look at when they visit.
- Also have been following up with a local banker on a potential restaurant developer that could help us in locating one of our target restaurants.
- I am continuing to follow-up with several of the hotel groups that have expressed interest in Sabine County and am continuing to look for ways to incentivize the development of a hotel in the county. I sent them the information in the news article on 2BeGreen coming to Sabine County. Have had email responses from two of the parties who are still looking for an investor.
- Followed up on a lead from a local banker on a wood pellet manufacturer in Canada looking to expand their operation in the South. Had a good conversation with the President of the company and learned about their requirements. I will be following up with him in more detail after the holidays. There seemed to be some genuine interest in our area because of fiber source availability, rail access and close proximity to the ports.

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