

**Sabine County Economic Development Progress Report
September 1 – September 30, 2018
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- I attended the SCEDAC meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 in Hemphill and prepared the agenda prior to the meeting with input from SCEDAC members.
- I attended the Hemphill City Council meeting on September 18 to be available as a resource if needed.
- Have had several conversations with Laure Morgan concerning CLT Texas. We are awaiting the information from the attorney firm hire to give them legal opinions on how the deal can be structured.
- Had some communication with Paul Grillo concerning 2BeGreen (Project Polymer). Mr. Grillo has indicated that the financial information is about finalized and he is hopeful to be completed before the end of the year. Also visited with Aubrey-Ann Gilmore who is now our contact with the Texas Department of Agriculture on the Capital Fund grant and because so much time has transpired since our initial submission, we will have to submit a complete application complete with public notifications. I have also visited with Randy Blanks and notified Paul Grillo that we will start the application when we receive the financial information from 2BeGreen. We are suggesting to 2BeGreen that they go ahead and pay for and start the environmental review since that will take some time to complete. The site preparation is coming along fine, but we can't start on the utilities until we get approval on the Capital Fund grant
- I worked up a Site Information sheet and a Building Data Sheet to send out to Sabine County Realtors and others who might have property or buildings available for sale or lease to start a site portfolio of available sites in Sabine County for both commercial and industrial projects. Cookie sent out the information to the Realtors and other interested parties asking them to complete the information and return it to us. Thus far, we have received information on 5 sites and have had several phone calls indicating interest.
- Beginning the development of a document highlight the positive economic activities taken place in Sabine County in the past couple of years. Would welcome assistance from SCEDAC members on providing information for this document. Still needing help in identifying economic activities taken place in Sabine County.
- I am continuing to follow-up with several of the hotel groups that have expressed interest in Sabine County. I met with the representative from Choice Hotels in Houston and gained a lot of insight on their program and how they operate. Since we now have a Rodeway Inn operating in the market, they will monitor their activity to look for additional opportunities in the market. Will be meeting with another hotel operator at TEDC in Fort Worth in October
- I am scheduled to have a site visit from one fast food restaurant in early October. The date and details still need to be worked out. He assures me that he will visit Sabine County.

