

**Sabine County Economic Development Progress Report**  
**October 1 – October 31, 2018**  
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- The SCEDAC Meeting scheduled for October 23 was cancelled.
- I attended the Texas Forest Country Partnership (TFCP) Economic Summit on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 in Lufkin and made contact with SRA, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Governor's Office of Economic Development, and several of our legislative delegation.
- I also wrote and submitted the application for the Sabine County Small Business of the Year nominee, Holly Park Marina & Motel. Provided the information and pictures to the TFCP and took pictures of the award recipients at the award ceremony.
- I attended the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) Annual Meeting in Fort Worth on October 17 & 18. I met with a potential hotel prospect and received a lead on another hotel investor. Am following up on these prospects.
- Also at TEDC, I met with 2 different financial services companies concerning the New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC) that could be a possibility for additional funding for 2BGreen, CLT Texas, and future projects in Sabine County. I also met with a potential investor/builder for current and future projects in Sabine County. I also spent time with Aubrey-Ann Gilmore with TDA concerning 2BGreen.
- Have had several conversations with Laure Morgan concerning CLT Texas. After Laure sent CLT Texas the information that was received from the attorney and the City of Hemphill offer on what they could provide on the CLT project, I contacted Mike Barker to discuss the situation with him. As we knew, they are on a short time frame since their equipment has been ordered and they need to be in a building after the first of the year. They will probably lease an existing building for Phase I of the project for the mat plant and could possibly be in the market for a different site in several years for the CNC plant. I told Mike we would keep working on potential possibilities and stay in touch with him to see where they are in the development of their business.
- After TEDC, I put one of the financial services firms in touch with Paul Grillo to explain the New Markets Tax Credit opportunity. Paul and I have provided the firm with the basic information needed to start the process of obtaining a NMTC for 2BGreen. Mr. Grillo has indicated that the financial information is about finalized and he is hopeful to be completed before the end of the year. I have also visited with Randy Blanks and he is putting together a revised schedule needed for a December 20 submission of the Capital Fund grant application since we have to go through the entire application process again. 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 and it will also be needed for the NMTC.
- Have been working on a document highlighting the positive economic activities taken place in Sabine County in the past couple of years. I sent out to SCEDAC members and received several responses to add to the document. Will review at the November 13 meeting.

- Had a site visit from one fast food restaurant on October 9 & 10 in Sabine County. Showed him potential sites in various parts of the county enough for him to see that we have numerous site possibilities. We are now gathering several site plats so that they can place different layouts of buildings on the sites to see what would work for the company. They will also be showing the Sabine County information to potential investors.