

***** BOARD MEETING *****

Committee: Board of Directors 2009
Meeting: Scheduled Meeting
Place: Chamber Board Room
Date: 09/24/2008
Time: 3:30 P.M.

***** PRESENT *****

Bernard, A. B.	BGI Contractors
Bothe, Paula	Four Alarm Productions, Inc.
Callender, Frances	Promotion Solutions
Cross, Nathan	Edgar, Kiker & Cross, PC, C.P.A.'s
Goodson, Guy	Germer Gertz, L.L.P.
Grantham, Steve	JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A.
Greer, Van	Strategic Media Properties, LLP
Roy, Kevin	InterFlow Factors Corporation
Schultz, Russ	Lamar University
Scoggin, Ann	Coldwell Banker Southern Homes-Ann Scoggin
Snider, Walter	Snider Byrd Law Firm
Sudela, Tim	American Valve & Hydrant Manufacturing Company

***** ABSENT *****

Bates, Eddie	C & I Oil Company, Inc.
Brandt, Vesta	Clear Channel Radio KLVI/KYKR/KKMY/KIOC/KCOL
Cox, Charles	Capital One Bank
Domino, Joe	Entergy-Texas
Fisher, Chris	Port of Beaumont
Moor, Ted	Talon Insurance Agency, LTD.
Nejad, Sina	Sigma Engineers, Inc.
Pierce, Vernon	Entergy-Texas
Risso, Daniel	ExxonMobil Beaumont Refinery
Sherman, C. L. "Sonny"	Ritter Lumber Company
Thomas, Carrol	Beaumont Independent School District
Turner, Robert	J K Chevrolet Isuzu
Van Dyke, Brenda	Vallie Marie Day Spa

***** ALSO PRESENT *****

Bass, Shelley	BGI Contractors
Chisum, Bessie	Chisum Resource Management
Foxworth, Joel	Wells Fargo
Hamburg, Mike	
Ireland, Mike	Efficient Systems, Inc.
Lundgreen, Kurt	Parkdale Mall
Lane, Dee	Guardian Force Security Services
Szuch, Paul	Lamar Institute of Technology

***** STAFF *****

Jim Rich	Tina Marshall
Shirley Bartos	Brandi Miller
Quincy Bird	Jacquetta Walker
Jessica Hill	
Cheryl Kizer	

Vice Chairman Nathan Cross called to order the meeting of the 2009 Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce board of directors at 4 p.m. Wednesday, September 24, 2008 in the chamber board room.

Officers, President, Division Chairs

It was moved and seconded to affirm the election of chamber officers, division chairmen and other positions of service on the executive committee. President Jim Rich's position was included in the affirmation motion. Motion passed.

The 2009 officers would be Chairman of the Board David Parmer, Past Chairman Sonny Sherman, Vice Chairman Nathan Cross, Fiscal Affairs Chairman Kevin Roy and President Jim Rich.

The 2009 division chairmen would be Chairman for Advancing Business Development Vernon Pierce, Chairman for Advancing Community Development Ted Moor, II, Chairman for Advancing New Technologies Mark Stein, Chairman for Government & Public Affairs Vesta Brandt, Chairman for Leadership Development Guy Goodson, Chairman for Membership Van Greer, Chairman for *SBA*lliance Charlie Foxworth and Chairman for Special Projects Paula Bothe.

Other positions on the executive committee include Vice Chairman for Fiscal Affairs Charlie Cox, Chairman for Long Range Planning Bessie Chisum, Attorney Walt Snider and Financial Institution Representative Steve Grantham.

Check Signature Authorization

It was moved and seconded to approve the 2009 check signatures of President Jim Rich, Senior Vice President Shirley Bartos, Chairman for Fiscal Affairs Kevin Roy, Chairman of the Board David Parmer, Vice Chairman Nathan Cross and Past Chairman Sonny Sherman. Motion passed.

Budget

President Jim Rich presented the 2009 preliminary budget and explained the budget had been reviewed by staff and would be presented to the budget and finance committee for review before presentation to the directors at the October 22, 2008 meeting.

It was moved and seconded to approve the 2009 preliminary budget. Motion passed.

Budget and Finance Committee

It was moved and seconded to approve the appointment of the budget and finance committee. Motion passed.

Serving on the budget and finance committee would be Kevin Roy as chairman, Paula Bothe, Vesta Brandt, Steve Grantham, Van Greer and Vernon Pierce.

Audit Committee

It was moved and seconded to approve the appointment of the audit committee. Motion passed.

Serving on the audit committee would be Charlie Cox, chairman, A. B. Bernard, Nathan Cross, Joe Domino and Chuck Ege.

Committee Chairmen

It was moved and seconded to approve the appointment of the following committee chairs: Ambassador Co-Chairmen Tisha Self and George Cowart, Leadership Beaumont Chairman Betsy Henslee and Leadership Beaumont Vice Chairman Kenny Kraemer. Motion passed.

Meetings

The directors agreed to continue to conduct bi-monthly meetings, with the executive committee conducting regular monthly business meetings on alternative months.

President's Report

Approval had been received from the Southeast Texas Economic Foundation board for *SBA*lliance to provide \$20,000 to regional partners for assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. Allocation of these funds would be as follows:

- \$10,000 to Orange County Economic Development Corporation
- \$5,000 to the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce
- \$2,500 to the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce
- \$2,500 to the Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

President Rich reported Representative Ted Poe had written a letter to the Committee on Appropriations with Southeast Texas priorities from the storm for inclusion in the \$22 billion hurricane supplemental bill being prepared by Congress.

President Rich reported he would be in Austin next week with representative from REDI to continue the interview process for a regional economic development coordinator.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Jim Rich, President

Date

