

# Minutes of Meeting - Thursday May 13, 2010

Thursday May 13th, 2010 12:00 Noon, Searcy County Airport.

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Treat. There were 25 persons present.

Members Dr. Clint Freeman and Susan Housley gave a report about the upcoming Leslie 5K Run. Sponsorships have been going very well and they already have about 200 runners committed to run in the event and it's still over a month away. They noted that the upcoming run associated with Crawdad Days in Harrison has over 500 participants pre-registered. They are still looking for volunteers to help with the event. There is more information about the run on the website.

Cindy Slay, Barbara Sipes and Darrell Massey gave a good report on the community garden. The area has been plowed and many vegetables are being planted daily. Getting water to the site was discussed and it was noted that the materials for the water had been donated, someone to dig the water line has been lined up and a plumber has been lined up to hook up the water. The group plans to have water to the site by next week.

Robert Reed, President of American Spirit Enterprises gave a report about the progression of his company's involvement in the area. He stated that the Pre-Employment conference was going well, and he was pleasantly surprised by the talent pool for employment that we have in the county. He gave us a report on the company, and a general rundown on the type of equipment he would be building.

Member Marylee Hartwig gave a report about the upcoming Artisans Guild Arts and Crafts, Spring Fling which will be held on May 22. She said they had many local Artisans lined up for the event, Special Services would be selling Birdhouse, and Wind chimes. There will be other local folks providing food and music.

County Extension Agent, Brad Runsick gave a report about a possibility of growing grapes for production in Searcy County. He and other chamber members are meeting with a company representative on Friday, May 14th for a tour of the county and discussions about the possibility of commercial grape and muscadine production. He is providing soil reports and other climate information to the representative of the company. If the tour and meeting goes favorably, expect to see more information about this at a later date.

Member Richard Groves gave a report about the new construction at the Airport. They are about a month away from getting the pilot lounge and the credit card pumps in operation. The computer system is on site and everything is progressing as planned. He also said things are lining up well for the upcoming "Fly-In Jam" in October.

There was a short discussion about moving the time/place of the monthly chamber meeting but there was no decision at this time.

The meeting was adjourned by President Jack Treat.