

# AUSTIN DELEGATION VISIT

January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

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Team Mineral Wells

# **Governors Office of Economic Development**

## **Aviation – Keith Graff**

- Texas Commission on Military Preparedness
- UAS, Dempsey heliport, Mineral Wells airport, Ft Wolters
- Mayors of Military Communities Committee

## **Advanced Manufacturing – Nicole Ryf**

- Attracting suppliers
- Enterprise Fund – 25 job minimum

## **Tourism – Nate Gieryn**

- State Parks
- Baker Hotel
- Historical aspects of tourism
- Downtown Redevelopment Plan
- Cooperative programs
- Tourism assessment service

# **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

## **Bill Hale – Chief Engineer**

- US 281 / US 180 – Unified Transportation Plan
  - Truck Bypass; Haskell and Anson
  - Connectivity relative to trails and parks; TAP – category 9
  - Congestion; timing red lights
  - Airport capacity / capability
  - TxDot Aviation
  - Turkey Peak Reservoir
  - Reroute FM 428 County Rd
  - Upgrade Ward Mountain Road

# TEXAS PARKS DEPARTMENT

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## Brent Leisure – Director, Parks Division

- State wide study

  - Number of visitors

  - Evaluate purpose of trips, spending habits.

- New state park

  - Vision

  - Community Partnerships

  - Common mind-set.

  - Design phase

  - Welcome input from Mineral Wells

- Formal MOU

  - Concessions, facilities, for profits, RFPs for use, services, pavilions, performances, equestrian use.

- Follow up

  - Planned wildlife management area

  - Grant programs available

  - A copy of the state study

  - The centennial plan

  - Information on the new park

  - Request to develop formal MOU

# **TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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Brad Patterson – Director of Community Heritage Development

- Leverage the Texas Heritage Trails Program
- Texas treasure business awards – 50 years
- Bankhead Highway – DC to California
- Create a national register district – State (25%) Federal (20%) tax credit
- Conduct resource survey of all properties – grants available
- Establish a Landmark Commission – design guidelines
- Historic preservation ordinance – guide redevelopment
- Main Street Program – cost share

# **TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS**

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Jim Bob McMillan – Deputy Director

- **GRANTS**

- Education

- Health & Human services

- Foster economic development

- Support criminal justice

- Support public safety

- Agriculture and natural resources

- **COMMISSION**

- Maintains a touring roster

- Offers a young masters program for students in grades 8 to 11

- Supports cultural districts

- Work with our tourism assessment

- **OPPORTUNITIES**

- The agency can provide technical assistance

- The agency conducts professional development seminars, which should be utilized by Mineral Wells

- Humanities Texas is a sister agency Mineral Wells should become acquainted with

- Mineral Wells should secure information relative to the various programs & grants the commission provides

# **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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Charles Smith – Executive Commissioner

Kara Crawford – Chief of Staff

- 600 programs administered by the agency
- Substance Abuse Grants (SAMSA)
- Telemedicine
- Managed Medicaid
- VA Access

# **TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION(TWC)**

Julian Alvarez – Labor Commissioner

- Secretary of State – invite to Mineral Wells
- DARS – merged with TWC
- JET FUND – public education, community colleges
- SB-154 – partnerships with ISDs/Industry
- Internet connectivity – rural focus
- Provider list – funding to train employees
- “What is your brand?”

Question:



# **TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

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## **Aaron Demerson – Employer Initiatives**

- Skills development fund - employees
- Hi-demand – leverage \$100,000
- Texas industry partnership - \$100,000
- JET fund – public/higher ed

## **Ed Serna**

- DARS

## **Andres Alcantar - Chairman**

- Local strategies
- Partnerships
- TEA Pre-K grants – early learning/pre k centers
- “Careers in Texas” spring event
- Texas industry cluster academies – dual credit
- Early College High Schools
- Veterans - focus
- Foster care - focus
- Students with disabilities - focus
- Governors “Small Business Forum” - host

# TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

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## Quenten Suffren – State CTE Director

- Early college high schools – planning grants/technical assistance

P-tech and the Governor's Academy – school within a school

CTE

Perkins funds

Allocated though both formula funding and grants

- Pathways

For rural areas

Assist counselors

Expand AR/IB courses

Grants are available

# **HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD**

Garry Tomerlin – Deputy Assistant Commissioner

- Create an integrated approach - partnerships

Public ed

Higher ed

Workforce board

- Alignment relative to fields of study – (academic) and payment of study (CTE)
- Reduce student loan debt
- Create greater awareness of Grant aid
- Technical assistance Garry's office can provide

# **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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## **Senator Craig Estes**

- Texas Department of Transportation priorities and funding formulas
- Turkey Creek, including grant programs and loans for economically distressed areas
- Health Care
- Education

## **Representative Phil King**

- Infrastructure
- Turkey Creek
- Mineral Wells Airport (Weatherford)
- Bio-economy demonstration project
- Healthcare
- Education

# **Elected Officials (Continued)**

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## **Representative Mike Lang**

- Job creation
- Airport development
- Securing formula funding from the Texas Department of Transportation
- Healthcare
- Education (Priority)

# **ASSOCIATIONS**

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**Texas Military Department - Nina Shelat – State legislative liaison**

**Texas Construction Association – Michael White – Vice President**

**Texas Masonry Council – Lindsey Geeslin – Executive Director**

**Texas Center for Family Violence – Gloria Terry – Executive Director**