

Meriden/Ozawkie Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Chamber President Scott Stanley, Country Harvest Apple Market, opened the meeting at 12:00 PM with a welcome to members and visitors present.

Brittany Chaplin, Jefferson County Economic Development, introduced our speaker, **Kyle Ruona, US Army Corps of Engineers**. Kyle led a question and answer session regarding the Corps of Engineers working specifically at Lake Perry, underlining the Corps' desire to develop a more significant relationship with the surrounding communities.

Kyle addressed questions and interests of the Chamber which included leasing guidelines and contracts; scheduling and handling of public events; maintenance and re-structuring of camp-sites.

Kyle was very informative educating Chamber guests with reports on the damage and recovery from the recent flood, Lake Perry water management plan, visitors to the Lake (which total almost a million annually) and the Corps efforts to be informed of how to assist the retention and return of visitors to the Lake.

An annual dam inspection gave the structure a grade (from A-F) of C and the Corps are diligent in their inspection and maintenance program. Kyle extended a welcome to the input of ideas, interests, needs, from the community and the area Chambers of Commerce.

Scott Stanley and the Chamber thanked Kyle for his interesting and relevant presentation of his work at Lake Perry.

Mollie Wilkerson, Ernest Spencer Metals, encouraged the Chamber to find an additional team or two and/or hole sponsors for the upcoming golf tournament which will be held Friday, June 24th. Eleven raffle baskets have already been provided.

Brittany Chaplin, Jefferson County Economic Development, offered more "Think Local First" stickers for your business or product reminding us to think about promoting Jefferson County businesses.

Hazel Strickland, Jefferson Assembly of God, announced a Celebration of Freedom Blood drive at the church on July 3, from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM. You may book your appointment at www.savealifenow.org and enter sponsor code: JEFFAOGMER or contact Hazel Strickland at 785-484-1010.

Scott Stanley closed the meeting with the invitation to meet again on Thursday, July 21st when our guest speaker will be Rick Farrant with Great Life Golf and Fitness

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM