



**MOORE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
***GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING***  
JUNE 26, 2008  
12:00 P.M.

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**Welcome and Introductions**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

1. Legislative Affairs Committee Action Plan
  - Local Government Meetings Update
    - Aberdeen – COMPLETED
    - Action Plan as to how to complete additional communities?
  - State of Series
    - State of Transportation – August 19<sup>th</sup> (Location TBD)
  - Moore County Summit
    - Water – Task Force Formed
  - Washington DC Trip
    - Time frame – increase the length of the trip? attend at another time in the fall?
    - Objectives of visit
2. Legislative Action

**Adjourn**

**REMINDERS!**

*2008 Meeting Schedule (subject to change)*  
*August 28, 2008*  
*October 30, 2008*  
*December 2, 2008 (Elected Officials Reception)*

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- Committee Members Present:** Bill Scott, Eric Collins, Vern Pike, Jan Powell, Ken Lewis, Patrick Coughlin, Gretchen Kelly, and Linda Parsons
- Call to Order:** Chairman Lewis convened and presided over a duly called meeting of the Government Affairs Committee at 12:150 p.m. in the large conference room at the Moore County Chamber of Commerce headquarters building.
- Government Affairs Action Plan  
*Local Government Meetings*** Chairman Lewis informed members that Linda had contacted 3 communities to set up meetings, Robbins, Carthage and Aberdeen. To date she has had no response. Patrick indicated he would contact Carthage and Robbins to set these meetings up. Eric offered his assistance with the Aberdeen. The committee also requested a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with the Town of Southern Pines. Patrick indicated he would contact them. Ken told the committee these meetings are very informative and effective. He advised the committee additional meetings will be scheduled throughout the year.
- Government Affairs Action Plan  
*State of Events*** Chairman Lewis asked Linda to update the committee on the status of the State of Series. Linda informed the committee the Department of Commerce was unable for the State of State. She recommended to the committee contacting Charles Hayes with RTP and they agreed. Patrick indicated he would talk to Ray about securing Mr. Hayes for late March or April. Linda also advised the committee she will begin working on the rest of the schedule for the year and booking speakers. Vern informed the committee there will be a Gubernatorial forum held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April and encouraged us to stay away from that day.
- Government Affairs Action Plan  
*Moore County Summit*** Linda advised the committee the Moore County Summit would be holding a meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss Water in Moore County. She encouraged those that were able to attend to join the meeting.
- Government Affairs Action Plan  
*Spring Washington DC Trip*** Linda advised the committee she would be working with Gretchen and Jan on developing a spring trip to DC. She reminded the committee this trip was requested by committee members so that we continued to build relationships at the Federal level. They will be targeting May as the month to take the trip.
- Government Affairs Action Plan  
*Public Policy Agenda*** Linda advised the committee the 2008 Public Policy Agenda was sent to all elected officials in the month of February. Chairman Lewis asked if anyone had commented on the agenda. To date the Chamber had not received any feedback.
- Government Affairs Action Plan  
*North Carolina Annual Meeting*** Chairman Lewis informed the committee the NC Chamber Annual Meeting would be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March in Greensboro. They Chamber would like to see 3-5 people in attendance. The committee asked Linda to send out the link to everyone asking them to attend since Patrick, Ken, and Linda have prior obligations. Linda agreed. Jan and Gretchen indicated they would be able to attend.
- Government Affairs Action Plan  
*Candidate Profiles*** Chairman Lewis advised the committee in light of all of the candidates running the recommendation was to do the Candidate Profile Questionnaire for the May primary. In doing so the committee determined there should be specific questions developed for each office. In addition the committee decided not to have the school board respond. Gretchen and Eric indicated they would assist with State Questions, Jan indicated she would help develop the federal questions and Vern indicated he would help develop the local questions. Linda said she would email the submissions to everyone, get approval and send out the



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questionnaire hopefully by the end of March or early April and post the responses as they come in prior to the May primary.

**Legislative Action**  
*Moratorium*

Chairman Lewis reminded the committee several communities in the area were considering Moratorium's and was going to seek a recommendation from the committee to take action. The committee requested the Chamber send a letter to the Southern Pines Council, to write a column in The Pilot and to also have Sherwood and/or Ken speak on behalf of the Chamber on the night of the hearing. The committee also recommended sending a notice to all of the membership regarding the hearing and seek their feedback. Patrick stated he would do this through a zoomerang survey tool. The committee stated when reviewing the Public Policy Agenda it clearly is against actions such as a moratorium. Chairman Lewis indicated the Board of Directors would be advised of the committee's recommendation.

**Other Business:**

Chairman Lewis asked if there was any new business or issues that needed to be brought to the table. There was none. Chairman Lewis reminded the members the next meeting would be June 26<sup>th</sup>, but to be watching for further information regarding the State of the State.

**Adjournment:**

With no additional new business brought to the table, Chairman Lewis adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

**Attested By:**

Co-Chairman, Legislative Affairs Committee