# President's Report August 2019

### Partnerships

In partnership with Sul Ross we are planning a Middle Rio Grande Higher Education Summit in Eagle Pass on September 27, 2019 to begin the discussion in order to develop a Higher Education Plan for the region.

Have a meeting scheduled in the coming weeks with Hondo officials to discuss the next step in offering technical courses at the new South Texas Regional Training Center Annex.

#### Other

The FAA is scheduled to come down to Del Rio for a site visit and inspection of our lab facilities for the Aviation Air Frame program.

Enrollment for Fall 2019 is steady with students coming in daily. First day of classes is August 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Property Taxes**

We have included in the Board agenda the certified tax rolls and effective tax rate calculations for your review. We are recommending that we decrease our tax rate from \$0.1652 per \$100 valuation to \$0.1614 per \$100 valuation. We continue to experience major fluctuations in the taxable value from Zavala County due to the volatility of the mineral values (Eagle Ford Shale).

#### **Upcoming Meeting/Events**

8/15	August Board Meeting
8/20	Meeting with Hondo Officials
8/26	First Day of Classes
8/29	Public Hearing #1
8/29-9/1	Palomino Festival
9/2	Labor Day
9/5	Public Hearing #2