

President's Report

February 2024

Tech Expansion

Phase 1 – Both building pads are complete. The other site work for truck driving, powerline and driveway are about 50% complete. Utility services from Rio Grande Electric, West Texas Gas and City of Uvalde have been requested. Our building vendor is finalizing the engineering on the building and the cost estimate should be ready in time for the Board meeting. Even though the company is on the State's approved contractor list, we are bringing to the board for approval.

We are still assessing the site location of Phase 2 (Eagle Pass Automotive/HVAC expansion). Current plans call for utilization of the 18-acre property to ease congestion on the Chittim Campus.

Academics

We took a large group of students to visit Texas A&M International for potential transfer opportunities. We are working with TAMIU to update our transfer agreement.

We hosted a meeting UCISD Superintendent Cholis and her leadership team to discuss dual credit opportunities, improvements to processes and the impact of billing changes. This year with the billing changes and FAST funding made possible from HB8, UCISD will save approximately \$200,000 while maintaining the same level of dual credit courses for the students.

Our academic team is working with Hill Country Mental Health on developing a Behavioral Tech Program, we are about 90% complete. This program will help support the staffing needs of the new facility coming to Uvalde in 2025.

Other

We have been having regular meetings with Texas Workforce Commission and the Workforce Board to expand access to Skills Development Grant monies for employers in our region.

I met with TXDOT in regard to the modifying the speed limit on Garner Field Road in front of the college and the timeline to expand culverts by day care. (Should be installed within 12 months)

I met with the Airport Advisory Board. This is the first step to request a renewal of our hanger lease that expires September 2024. We have requested a 10-year lease with two 5 years options to extend. In addition, we have requested additional space and permission to expand our hanger. We need the additional space to house our FAA Powerplant program.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

On February 12th University of Texas researchers will present the Asset Mapping work done on Uvalde along with recommendations at the El Progreso Library at noon.

On February 13th we will co-host a candidate forum with the Uvalde Leader News.

On February 21-23, I will be on a panel at the Texas Economic Development Conference to discuss the impact of HB8 on colleges and the communities we serve.

2/15	February Board Meeting
2/19	Drawing for position on Ballots
2/20	Conversation with Uvalde Students
2/26	Attending Dilley ISD Board Meeting
3/7	Grilling with the President
3/11-15	Spring Break
3/21	March Board Meeting
3/25	Conversation with Eagle Pass Students
3/28	Conversation with Del Rio Students
3/29	Closed Good Friday
4/18	April Board Meeting