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44 Advisory Committee discussions about the MSW applications were as follows:

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46 Jim White – I think we should take up the S&S CISD application. Apparently the school has expressed
47 an interest in assisting the city in abating nuisances. I don't think the school has any business being a
48 code enforcement officer. The school has to have a court order to enter onto property. I'm not in favor
49 of their application.

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51 I don't think the NRAC committee needs to be in the business of buying trash cans for the City of
52 Whitesboro downtown area. We should help or assist them without buying equipment like trash cans.

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54 We need more information on the Fannin County Precinct 1 application before approving the application.
55 The cost of \$1 per tire for a recycler is an extremely low cost. There is no information about the tire
56 handler or end user. I was told by Gary that he is taking the tires to Midlothian. They require tires be
57 delivered to them by Liberty Tire Co.

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59 **There was confusion by David Trout on whose scores to delete from the scoring summary and**
60 **what constituted jurisdiction.**

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62 Jim White – I don't have a problem with the Bonham ISD application. Can I vote on Grayson County
63 projects?

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65 David Trout – Jim, I think you can vote on Grayson County projects, it's just the scoring that's withheld
66 from the initial project reviews.

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68 Jim White – Well I used to think that too until we came up here last year and I didn't vote for projects in
69 my jurisdiction.

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71 George Rowland – We can all vote on awarding projects funding. Otherwise there might not be a
72 quorum of voting members. There is a quorum of 8. We all need to be voting, if not, there might be 2
73 people voting for a project.

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75 Alan Larsen – Two of the projects are below 70 but not all of the scores are in there.

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77 George Rowland – If all the scores were in and above 70 we would be about \$19,000 short and we
78 would have to make some decision on how to handle that.

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80 Alan Larsen – If projects below 70 are not in consideration, then it's covered. Whitesboro and Fannin
81 are below 70 so if those two are out were talking about \$85,000 to \$90,000

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87 Ken Zimmerman – I guess looking at the merits of the projects and echoing what Jim said, I don't see
88 the S&S ISD project as a good project. I have two problems with it. I don't think that's a good area for
89 a school to be involved in and the other problem is that it's one of the projects that two thirds of the
90 funding in the grant is go pay somebody to do a job. You know one of the premises of the grant is to put
91 programs in place that become sustainable and I don't see that with the Fannin County project. I don't
92 deny that something needs to happen with those tires and that may be the biggest need on the sheet but
93 that's just to go fix a problem that shouldn't have happened and it provides no ongoing infrastructure.
94 The City of Southmayd has some infrastructure to make their project successful.

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96 Alan Larsen – I thought that was a pretty big piece of equipment for a city the size of Southmayd.

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98 Rick West – There's over 700 homes in Southmayd and their intent is to use it as compost.

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100 Alan Larsen – You know on the S&S ISD project, it looked to me like it was just property owners with
101 trash piles around their houses and not illegal dumping and that's another reason to reject that
102 application. Anyhow those were the two I scored the lowest.

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104 Ken Zimmerman – I scored the City of Southmayd as one of the highest because there is some
105 infrastructure for that project.

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107 David Trout – The City of Southmayd project basically mirrors the FY09 project by the City of
108 Pottsboro.

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110 Ken Zimmerman – If you take those two out, S&S ISD and Fannin County, what's left?

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112 Alan Larsen - I have a question for David. Can we consider projects with a score below 70?

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114 David Trout – Yes, you can consider them.

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116 George Rowland – Yes, we can consider them. That's the board's privilege.

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118 Ken Zimmerman – Is this scoring process part of the bylaws?

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120 Jim White – Is this a rule of thumb or is it set in stone?

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122 David Trout – I don't think hitting a minimum score of 70 is set in stone. I think that's something that
123 makes you look at the project before the meeting so that you are prepared to discuss the merits of the
124 project on the day of the meeting. That's my thoughts.

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130 Alan Larsen – A few years ago we actually reworked this sheet and approved it. I don't know if it's in
131 the bylaws.

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133 Ken Zimmerman – If the score sheet is just a procedure and not in the bylaws, we can always vote to
134 table the rules.

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136 David Trout – Before I went through this process I looked back at all the historical information to see
137 how it was done in the past and I saw that if someone lived in Fannin County their scores were not
138 included in the summary.

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140 Ken Zimmerman – I remember the intent being that the minimum score was a way to try to weed out
141 some of them but it's so vague along with what constitutes jurisdiction and what scores you count and
142 the score sheet is so overwhelming and it may be an unforeseen consequence that you had to throw out
143 so many scores. Primarily the makeup of the board is from Grayson County and it throws out almost
144 every score from Grayson County. I don't think that was our intent.

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146 David Trout – I do have another spreadsheet with all the scores from all the members. If you would like
147 for me to go and get it, I will.

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149 Ken Zimmerman – That's okay. I think in a future meeting we need to clarify this and I think what we
150 need to do now is to vote to suspend any minimum score required and make it clear in the minutes what
151 we're doing based on confusion or lack of clarity.

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153 George Rowland – My only comment is I think it's good to encourage people to apply even if some
154 projects don't sound that good. I think it's good to encourage people because if their grant is turned
155 down then they're likely not to come back and we're trying to solicit grants as we go forward. There is
156 some value in each of the projects.

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158 Jim White – How would we do this? Make a motion to suspend the scores and allow each member to
159 vote on his conscience for each project?

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161 George Rowland – Well I think we're all going to vote on each project. None of us have a direct interest
162 in any of these projects. Because it comes from Grayson County, theoretically I'm biased for Grayson
163 County projects but I think we're all reasonably fair people here. In the past, we have sometimes
164 prorated the money. I'm not saying that's what we should do now. I don't recall David, how many
165 times in history have we turned down applications.

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167 David Trout – The last several years we have not had enough applications to take care of the funding
168 available for a given fiscal year. For instance, FY08 had \$13,000 carried forward into FY09, but that
169 allowed me to apply for funding for the HHW project.

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173 George Rowland – Well we’re open for suggestions.

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175 Alan Larsen – It seems like the City of Whitesboro application has two pieces to it. I agree with Jim
176 saying that the new trash cans for downtown are more of a beautification project but I am in favor of the
177 recycle containers. I would be in favor of those. Can we split and approve half of the request?

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179 Jim White – I would be in favor of trash cans for downtown if they would put some kind of public
180 education placard on them.

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182 Rick West – There is a little precedent on this Whitesboro thing because the board approved Wal-Mart
183 trash cans, it’s more extreme that we give money to Wal-Mart to buy trash cans.

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185 Jim White – We can’t give money to Wal-Mart. That was to the City of Sherman to keep trash out of
186 storm drains.

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188 Rick West – I’m saying that the trash cans are at Wal-Mart and there is no waste reduction in this. But
189 in Whitesboro they are trying to have a recycling format for special events.

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191 Brian Hilliard – The main purpose of that grant was to keep trash out of storm drains. The project
192 wasn’t for beautification but to keep trash out of the storm drains.

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194 Ken Zimmerman – Are there no trash cans there now and this is to provide containers that would
195 prevent trash on the street and in the ditches?

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197 Rick West – The only trash cans are behind the alley ways.

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199 Ken Zimmerman – No, I mean is there nothing now and we have a trash and litter problem?

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201 Sharron Welch – We do have some trash cans.

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203 Ken Zimmerman – Will this fix an existing issue?

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205 Rick West – I think yes, from an aesthetic point of view, it’s a nicer option than what the city has.

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207 Ken Zimmerman – I think that’s the objection, that it’s aesthetics and not that we have nothing. If it
208 went a little further than just aesthetics and if it were recycling containers instead of trash cans, could
209 you manage that in that environment?

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216 Rick West – There is a city wide recycling program anyway, so it’s just like the peanut festival. Last
217 year was the first time it went green. We want to be able to do everything like that in Whitesboro.
218 You’re going to have X amount of trash and X amount of recycling so that was the main intent, to offer
219 both. From keeping trash off of the ground and giving citizens an option other than throwing on the
220 ground, this is an option.

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222 Sam West – So who would be dumping these cans?
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224 Rick West – The city would be picking it up themselves. The street department would be in charge of
225 collection and it would go to the TASWA landfill. Recycling would go to IESI facility in McKinney.
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227 Alan Larsen – I make a motion that we approve Bonham ISD, City of Southmayd, and Van Alstyne ISD
228 and see how much money that spends and then consider the other three and see if we approve of those or
229 prorate them.
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231 George Rowland – Approve those in full and with the remaining funds, prorate out to the other three?
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233 Alan Larsen – Well not necessarily, I think we need to consider the other three with separate approvals.
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235 Ken Zimmerman – I think his motion is to simply approve those three and continue to talk about the
236 other three.
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238 George Rowland – We have a motion to approve Bonham ISD, City of Southmayd, and Van Alstyne
239 ISD.
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241 Brian Hilliard – Second.
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243 George Rowland – We have a second, any more discussion?
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245 Ken Zimmerman – One question, was it the Bonham ISD that had part of their funding for salaries?
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247 Brian Hilliard – Yes, it was.
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249 Rodney Nicely – It was a fairly small amount.
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251 Ken Zimmerman – I wonder how necessary that was? If they didn’t get that now would it kill the
252 project?
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259 George Rowland – Having been around recycling programs at the college, you can't just depend on
260 volunteers. It goes good for the first few months and then it wears out. If you put a little money in
261 somebody's salary and say this is part of your job, your chances of success are greater.

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263 Alan Larsen - \$500 a month for one school year for recycling operations manager, that's the breakdown
264 on it.

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266 George Rowland – We may not like to approve salaries but that's one way to make sure the program
267 works. Are we ready to vote?

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269 Passed unanimously

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271 George Rowland – Now the other three. We need to decide on Whitesboro, Fannin County, and S&S
272 ISD.

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274 Jim White – I believe we need to reject S&S ISD.

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276 George Rowland – Maybe we can reject it but suggest to them that these were the questions that were
277 raised and perhaps come back next year with a more carefully planned project.

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279 Sam West – Do you respond back to them and tell them why we rejected?

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281 George Rowland – Yes and David can contact and explain why the project was rejected.

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283 Jim White – I make a motion that we reject the S&S ISD application.

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285 Alan Larsen – I second.

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287 Passed unanimously

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289 George Rowland – That gets us down to two projects, Whitesboro and Fannin County.

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291 Brian Hilliard – I don't like paying for trash cans but would rather do that than tires. I hate that those
292 tires are there but that's not what we're supposed to be doing, but it is a problem that shouldn't exist.

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294 Ken Zimmerman – The concern with tires is that there is no guarantee they can get it done for that price.
295 There are some questions about price per tire.

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297 David Trout – If I could say, it cost me \$1 per tire to dispose of tires at the HHW events. \$1,333 for
298 1,333 tires.

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302 Rodney Nicely – That was the company that was going to Ada, OK and the cement factory?

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304 David Trout – Yes

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306 Jim White – I discussed this with the tire folks and they said to make sure all the details are taken care
307 of. It sounds funny.

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309 George Rowland – Should we wait for another meeting on this project or do you need these approved by
310 a certain deadline?

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312 David Trout – The Governing Body meets August 20th and I need to have these projects before them for
313 approval.

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315 George Rowland – One question would be, do they have a contract in hand or is this just verbal? If they
316 have a contract in hand, that gives it a little more strength.

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318 David Trout – I think it's verbal.

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320 Ken Zimmerman – Can the project approval be contingent upon having a contract showing disposal cost
321 and acceptance at the final destination?

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323 Jim White – I'd like to look at their contract if they can develop one before they get their money. I just
324 feel like there are a lot of questions that need to be answered before we kick this out because I don't
325 think there's enough money.

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327 Ken Zimmerman – So we don't have that correct?

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329 George Rowland – We don't know that. They might have it but we don't know that.

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331 David Trout – TASWA uses Able Tire Co. and I contacted them to get a quote for the HHW events and
332 they were more expensive than Owen's Tire Disposal.

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334 Jim White – By the way, Able Tire is now known as Liberty. I just have some misgivings about it.

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336 Ken Zimmerman – So how much money do we have?

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338 David Trout – With Bonham ISD, City of Southmayd, and Van Alstyne ISD approved, the total is
339 \$76,629.08. That leaves \$15,659.92.

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341 Ken Zimmerman – What can Whitesboro do with less than full funding? Was it all cans?

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344
345 Alan Larsen – Part of the application was cans and part was recycling containers.

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347 Sam West – They could possibly just buy less containers.

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349 Ken Zimmerman – I could see more value in the Whitesboro proposal if it were more recycling oriented,
350 but I see value of providing an option where there is not an option. They are trash cans that will
351 continue to be there. I hate not to have anything available for getting rid of the tires, but that's just
352 fixing a problem, treating the symptom.

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354 Alan Larsen – What if we fund Whitesboro and Fannin for approximately 60% of what they asked for.
355 That would give Fannin some ability to start. Maybe the bid wouldn't be good now. Maybe it's an all
356 or nothing bid.

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358 Ken Zimmerman – There is a bad precedent that you're getting rid of somebody's trash. I think there
359 position may be all or nothing and that's the question we can't answer. Can Whitesboro get by with 80-
360 90% and then some amount for Fannin to get started on the tires and make that contingent on presenting
361 a signed document at a later date?

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363 George Rowland – I have to applaud them for collecting tires after riding these county roads and seeing
364 all kinds of stuff. I have to applaud whoever is willing to collect tires and keep them out of the ditches.
365 I think Alan has come up with a reasonable solution if they can do it. Maybe they can't get rid of all the
366 tires but maybe half.

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368 Ken Zimmerman – I assume they're going to continue to collect tires, right?

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370 David Trout – When the commissioner first contacted me for funding, he told me he has cut off
371 receiving tires. The tires received were under the former commissioner.

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373 Ken Zimmerman – Can I look at the Whitesboro package? They've got \$11,200 for containers. What's
374 the \$1,350 for a transporter?

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376 Rick West – To move the containers from location to location.

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378 Ken Zimmerman – So David how much do we have left?

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380 David Trout - \$15,659.92

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382 Ken Zimmerman – If we gave Whitesboro approximately \$11,000 for containers and transporter...

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388 Brian Hilliard – Based on their score, I have a hard time giving them that much. They scored the lowest
389 of the projects.

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391 Ken Zimmerman – I’m going to go back to the fact that we eliminated 70% of the scores from that
392 project. I’d like to give them \$11,000 and the balance to Fannin and make that amount contingent on
393 producing signed documents.

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395 Brian Hilliard – We keep going back on the score sheets. What does it look like with all the scores in it.
396 Do you know who the two bottom ones were?

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398 David Trout – Let me run to the office and get the results of all the scores.

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400 George Rowland – It’s nice to see all the scores but it doesn’t change them that much.

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402 Brian Hilliard – It does a little bit.

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404 Sam West – It gives everyone’s opinion on the applications.

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406 Ken Zimmerman – I’ll make a motion to give Whitesboro \$11,000 and the balance to Fannin but I’m
407 worried about the end user.

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409 George Rowland – Does everyone understand Ken’s motion?

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411 Brian Hilliard – I second

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413 Passed unanimously

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415 Alan Larsen – What does that give to Fannin?

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417 David Trout - \$4,659.92

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419 George Rowland – Is there any public comment? We have visitors and we are to the public comment
420 section.

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422 Karen Thomas – I’m very thankful for the grant. The grant is not an easy process. It’s time consuming
423 but well worth it. I see where your questions come from. I see the way you thought it out. The grant is
424 for the whole district and I understand about your concern for funding in the future. We may apply next
425 year to just have it picked up or we’re hoping to cut down on the district’s trash cost and that money can
426 pay for recycling. I do appreciate it very much.

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431 George Rowland – They are all good programs. I can find value in all of them, including Fannin
432 County.

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434 Sharron Welch – On behalf of Whitesboro, I thank you. We are very serious about cleaning up our town
435 and county. I went to the county commissioners meeting with two Keep Whitesboro Beautiful members
436 and offered to start the Adopt a County Road program. We have that started. We thank you very much.

437
438 George Rowland – We need to set a time for the next meeting. David suggests sometime in November.
439 Maybe we could let David pick a date for the meeting.

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441 David Trout – Within the FY 2010/2011 contract, NRAC is required to meet once every six months. I
442 would suggest we continue meeting quarterly. I think meeting just twice a year will make it hard to get
443 a quorum.

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445 George Rowland – Would everyone agree that David set a meeting during the first two weeks of
446 November as he pleases? Just send a reminder for the meeting.

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448 Meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.

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453 The above minutes are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and understanding.

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456 David Trout