

Clyde, Texas. 7/31/1923.

Honorable Locating Board of the Texas Technological College.

Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen :- As requested by your Secretary we are outlining herein definitely what we propose to do toward furnishing water from our ~~own~~ inexhaustible supply, under pressure and building such boarding houses and dormitories as may, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of said College be necessary to meet the requirements, and to advance such other evidences of Clyde being the logical location.

Water Supply. Clyde proposes to do or have done by private individuals whatever is necessary to furnish our cold shallow water, under pressure to the College at prices in line with other cities in this section and to build such storage as may be necessary in the opinion of the Board of Directors.

The supply here is estimated to be 25 to 50 times more than Lake Abilene and the Board will no doubt remember seeing one of our shallow wells flowing 50 gallons a minute, which flow does not lower the well. One Hundred Gallons per minute has been pumped 24 hours from one of our wells only about 3 feet in diameter without materially lowering the surface of the water. The entire city of Baird, which is probably using more water now than the College and all of Clyde will use when it is located here is using water from a well only about 3 mi. East of Clyde from the same water sand and the supply is inexhaustible, clear and practically impossible to pollute. Unlike most of the applicant towns, there is no "Gyp" in the water.

DORMITORIES & BOARDING HOUSES. Clyde also proposes to build, or have built by private capital, sufficient dormitories and rooming houses to accommodate the students and to furnish the students such comforts and conveniences as the average student will receive in similar colleges elsewhere.

Electric Power is available to Clyde in as great quantity as any town in Texas can furnish.

Natural Gas. We believe this school should be located in a town that has natural gas, inasmuch as schools have frequently experienced difficulty from coal shortage. Probably less than half a dozen towns can furnish natural gas, and we consider this one of our greatest assets and a necessity for the convenience of the modern student, yielding and even and regular temperature on short notice.

Clyde agrees to make a good and solvent bond when requested to do so by the Board of Directors of the College in the sum of \$300,000.00 conditioned that the water supply will be adequate and the dormitories will be sufficient to amply take care of the entire needs of the student body, as estimated by the Board of Directors and that such water supply and dormitories will be ready by the time the Board of Directors deem such necessary.

The variety of farm products shown in our exhibit and served at the banquet table, being all Clyde grown, emphasizes the fact, that no student at Clyde will ever be "burnt out" on the diet as they do in so many boarding schools. His board will be cheap because he will not have to pay the freight on his food. It is raised here.

INTERURBAN RAILWAY. The West Texas Utilities Company with headquarters at Abilene according to their manager has already decided to build an interurban railway to Clyde if we get the College.

Baird is all for us, Abilene, Cisco, Coleman, Brownwood, Ballinger, Stamford and Sweetwater are probably half for us, especially Abilene & Cisco. Baird and Abilene will assist us in financing any necessary project toward locating the College here, we are assured by leading citizens of these cities.

Land. We offer a site of 2000 acres on the southeast of our city or another site on the west of the city of 2000 acres.

The gas line, the electric high line and Bankhead Highway all flank the proposed sites. The land is as closely connected as is practicable where the land is so highly developed and in a community where production has made values so high.

Campus sites of many times what any other State school has are easily available to the residence portion of town, flanking the city limits on either side.

Soil of such variety as any person might require as to be found on either site, all of it being the best land to be offered even by the "Valley of Texas." Practically all the land is subirrigated almost or has water at only 20 ft. underlying it.

Sacrifices have been made in great number by our citizens and land owners in order that these bodies of land may be at your disposal, but our people considered it our duty to our community and to our State to provide the IDEAL SITE for the COLLEGE.

We expect a number of students of this college, if not the vast majority to come from families of ordinary means and we want your Board to consider the possibilities of the parents moving to our country and making a living on 5 or 10 acres of our fertile fruit and truck land while the children received their education. No other applicant offers such an opportunity for the poor man to educate his children in a practical and economical way.

Under separate cover we are mailing a plat of the land we offer in order that you may go over it thoroughly and keep it for your files. Should your Board desire any particular other tract not included in the plat, we can no doubt get it for you without using the right of Eminent Domain. We will furnish and come in person if necessary to produce other information if required by the Board.

Freed from all political or financial entanglements as this Board is and with nothing but the State's best interest at heart, we believe we have as good chance as any city, no matter how large, because we can furnish everything they can furnish in the matter of accommodations, and we ask that you locate the school here with us and see if we do not surprise you in the support and cooperation we get from all West Texas, the same as we surprised your entire party by our fine land, fine farm exhibit, water supply and banquet table when you visited our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde Chamber of Commerce
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President