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Meeting with Dr. Anthony August 9, 2001 – Noon

Boon: That's when you and I got acquainted. I had a Navy obligation. Went to Kingsland (?) Texas and Vic (?), he extended a year to get back to Texas. He and I got to be very close friends because he and I worked together and he wanted to go to a small town to practice and I wanted to go to a small town to practice. He bought a practice in Wiley. He called me up one night and said – I might have you a nice little town – it's Allen. He's doing lots of business there and he said one of these days I think Allen will be as big as Wiley. Wiley was about 33 or 3400 and Allen about 1100 maybe, maybe – Dr. there now said come on over – in a month or so you'll be busy. So I did _____ but after 8 months we were very busy. So that was my relationship with Vic – we were in the Navy together and he and I became very close friends and he recommended Allen to me and I'm forever grateful.

Dr. Anthony: So that's how you got to Allen? Where were you at the time?

I was at the Naval Station in Kingsland (?) Texas.

Dr. A: So this is the only practice you've had?

1967 – Yeah with exception of in the navy.

Dr. Anthony: When was the first time that you ever heard of CCCCCD?

The first time I heard about CCCCCD _____ Jerry Hoagland invited about 15 up to the Eldorado Country Club to talk about a new college in Allen and I went up there with John Horany, Superintendent of Schools and I was trying this morning to think

who was there at that meeting. David McCall III was there, Hoagland, County Judge Roberts was there – about 15, Mr. Johnson of McKinney Superintendent of Schools, can't recall if Carey Cox was there – mostly McKinney people – talking about the college - - think Benny, Ben Whisenhunt was there - - they were talking about how this had been tried in McKinney in 1973 – didn't work. Said this has to be Collin County College – have to get the whole county involved. Think some thought it was going to be McKinney College – had to make certain the whole county got involved. So we agreed to form this committee and I don't recall who was on this committee but this was the 1st time I had heard about the college. I believe that was the initial meeting that we had and Jerry Hoagland was very instrumental in getting that thing going - - I know he was the one that called me and asked me if I'd come up there and meet with _____ (Horn)?? Think this was in 83 – 83. Horn (?) was very excited about it. Thought this would be very good for the district --- ----- at that time not many of our students were going to college - - At that time it was better but when I first got on the school board in 75 it was exceptional that the kids went to college _____ with Horn (?) that's what we were trying to update and get them interested in college.

Dr. Anthony: At that time were most of the people in Allen commuters or farm _____

There were a lot of ^{FARMERS} farmers but most of the population worked at TI or Collins Radio. Right after we got there Collins Radio sold out and a lot of people were laid off. Nixon put everybody on _____ that was bad times. But our school district was a poor school district at that time.

Dr. Anthony: Kenneth (?) ran for _____ - but was not elected - - - was he a banker?

Yes, he was. They wanted to have someone from Allen to run for that position and Don Rodenbaugh who is a good friend _____ - and see if he would run. Was that ????

Dr. Anthony: No – that was part of the slate and there were 5 others who ran as not part of the slate. ??? For example _____ and Bud Crawford – they were not part of the slate and I don't think _____ Anderson was but Collin Chopin _____ - 6 members and slate got elected and 3 did not. So he was part of the slate that was at large.

I'd forgotten how that worked and I thought it was at large so I ran _____

Dr. Anthony: So they took _____ and the reason behind that – Jerry Hoagland _____ vote for the board that they'd vote for the college. _____ wanted someone on the board from Wiley - - - they recommended Dick and Dick became a part of the slate _____.

Dick is one of the kindest men I've ever known _____ he can be a serious person.

Dr. Anthony: He's a good guy.

Really enjoyed knowing him _____ deep down he really didn't _____ He stayed pretty stressed out - - he took things pretty serious _____ and when he didn't show up _____ ran fairly smoothly _____ Dick and I _____ When he came in he was _____ very poor dentist _____ - clean up after _____ he was just coming in in the mornings --- doing exams and we were doing all the work. Bout my size _____ I took Dicks place then - - - not going to run - - - I wanted to tell them that I wasn't going to run. I'll work in Economics Development when I get out

and get some development in this city. We set up a system in 88 where school and city and chamber of commerce came together for economic development – actually the school ended up doing over 50% of it. We didn't know how to do it so we got a committee of about (15 or 50)?? _____ - we decided to hire us a economic development director _____ 89 – 90 _____ from Denton. Well they passed that bill - - 4 A - - voted ½ cent sales tax for economic development. That committee - - - I got off - - - no one thought we could pass that thing. I got a bunch of people - - - - 58 - - I got them to working. _____ our former mayor came out against it - - - - I went down to talk to him. That hurt _____ time to do it 15 years ago, 10 years ago, 5 years ago. Now is the time _____ he didn't think it was going to pass. _____ voting list _____ public record _____ - teaching those kids.

(couldn't pick up)

That's how we got into economic development. Bought 90 acres of land _____ struggle - first couple of years _____ - company _____ - thinking of going to Europe and buying one. Sales tax _____ credit checks _____ -Intercontinental _____ High points positives and negatives

High points is the number of students that we are educating now in CCCCCD - - - knowing how many are now graduating – that's the high point is putting on that regalia and watching them come across for their diploma

_____ low tuition _____ - that's what keeps me going and involved.

No complaints to speak of - - - trying to think - - - I think we've been very fortunate.

_____ talked about tuition costs _____

(Couldn't get anymore off the tape.)