
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: SOUTHERN GROWTH POLICIES BOARD
DATE 7/18/03
CC: FILE

I received your note asking if we completed the Southern Growth work. According to Jim Clinton, there is no clear bottom line amount of what SGPB is lacking to pay the annual meeting bills.

Mary Williams of the SGPB staff told me at the meeting that she thought we had raised enough to cover the bills. I emailed Jim today and he said that they are still sorting through what they may have to write off in terms of old debt, thus, he can't give me a flat amount that he is lacking to cover the annual meeting bills. Apparently, Southern Growth uses the annual meeting to cover old debts.

Clinton did tell me in his email response that you had told him you had \$20,000-\$30,000 more, but that the info was on your desk here at Woolfolk. (I think you've been at the mansion most of the times he has reached you.) He said that this \$20,000-\$30,000 "would be great" if we could provide it.

So, it depends on how much we want to help them. I don't think the Mississippi annual meeting should be responsible for paying off old Southern Growth debt. Even if this is the normal tradition, we weren't informed of this up front. But, we were told we'd need to raise about \$200,000 and we raised \$150,000. If we could give them say another \$10,000 I think it would reflect well on our office. But, your first priority right now has to be raising money for the campaign, not for SGPB. I certainly don't think you can call anyone "cold" for the first time on this and request their support, as the meeting was 1½ months ago.

If you have some other money in mind for them, just tell me who Jim Clinton needs to send the invoice to or if you have/will get the money yourself and me send it to Clinton. If you don't have any other money in mind, just let me know and I'll tell Clinton that the other \$20,000-\$30,000 didn't come through.