

Weatherford Area Economic Development Foundation  
Meeting Minutes  
August 9, 2017  
Weatherford City Hall – 522 W. Rainey Ave – Weatherford, OK 73096

- Call to order – Chairman Cody Bell called the meeting to order at 7:06 a.m.
- Notice – Notice of the meeting was posted at the Weatherford City Hall and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk at 10:40 a.m., August 1, 2017
- Attendance – Please see attached sign-in sheet for attendance. Special guests were recognized or introduced.
- Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the meeting of July 12, 2017 were unanimously approved.
- Presentation of Treasurer’s Report – The WEDF financial information was provided to members by Wes Magill, Treasurer. Funds in reserve total \$107,907.61 as of 07/31/17.
- WAEDF Economic development update – Chuck Dougherty reported on the following:
  1. Exit 82 Phase II – Work continues and is on schedule. The public’s patience is appreciated. Project should be finished February 2018.
  2. Pioneer Cellular – Opened August 7 with a very successful opening.
  3. Chicken Express – This will be happening soon.
  4. New businesses –Gaylon Vogt has projects under review. The Zerby project is underway. Work is continuing on the Papa John’s. Bob Bartmann has plans for West Main Street.
  5. Estates of Weatherford – Construction continues. There is much interest from the public.
  6. Weatherford Business and Technology Park – There are eight projects under construction or in the planning stages.
  7. Marcus Wright – Moving business to Weatherford, has 150 employees.
  8. Sales tax – Up 23 percent in June over last year. This is the fourth largest month ever. The one-half cent sales tax will be on September 12, 2017 ballot. The six year estimate for this tax is \$6 million and is to be used exclusively for infrastructure.
  9. WAEDF September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at City Hall with Garrett King from the SWOSU Foundation as the speaker.
- Special Presentation – Oklahoma Senator Mike Schulz
  - Sales tax for June and July, compared to last year, are off the charts.
  - Planning to budget for a deficit next year.
  - Tobacco Tax – helps fund three agencies: Oklahoma Healthcare Authority, Department of Human Services, and Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. If defeated by the Oklahoma Supreme Court, legislators will go back into special session.
  - US Census is right around the corner, 2020-2021.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Joy McKillip - Secretary