

Weatherford Area Economic Development Foundation
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2018
Weatherford City Hall – 522 W. Rainey Ave – Weatherford, OK 73096

- Call to order – Chairwoman Lisa Thiessen called the meeting to order at 7:04 a.m.
- Notice – Notice of the meeting was posted at the Weatherford City Hall and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk at 8:30 a.m., January 5, 2018
- Attendance – Please see attached sign-in sheet for attendance. Special guests were recognized or introduced.
- Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the meeting of December 13, 2017 were unanimously approved.
- Presentation of Treasurer’s Report – The WEDF financial information was provided to members by Mike Hixson, Treasurer. Funds in reserve total \$100,621.60 as of 12-31-2017.
- WAEDF Economic development update – Chuck Dougherty reported on the following:
 1. Exit 82 Phase II – Project is within a couple of weeks being completed.
 2. Exit 82 Phase III – Connects Main Street to the South Access Road. This is on the ODOT 8-year-plan.
 3. Exit 84 – Bridge will be completely redone and widened. Expected to be in 2021-2022
 4. Construction continues at Pointe Place, Bank of Ryan, Qdoba, Farmrail, and Estates of Weatherford.
 5. Preliminary plans have been received for Wendy’s.
 6. There are six businesses under construction in the Business and Technology Park.
 7. The City is seeking a FEMA grant to repair drainage at site of former Ford dealership.
 8. Sales tax up for November at 8 percent, \$793,000.
 9. Addition of one-half cent sales tax to April ballot was voted on and approved at the December City Commission meeting.
 10. Currently there are 39 new single family homes, 13 multi-family, and 10 new businesses under construction.
 11. Max Ary will speak at the February 14, 2018 WAEDF meeting regarding the Stafford Legacy Campaign.
- Special Presentation – Lieutenant Governor Todd Lamb –Some highlights of his presentation included:
 - Need for a statewide economic plan. Oklahoma currently has no plan and no backup.
 - Need for reform or restructure of state budget.
 - Need for economic diversification in the areas of aviation, technology, and manufacturing.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joy McKillip - Secretary