

Weatherford Area Economic Development Foundation
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 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 3:00 p.m., March 8, 2018
- Attendance – Please see attached sign-in sheet for attendance. Special guests were recognized or introduced.
- Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the meeting of February 14, 2018 were unanimously approved.
- Presentation of Treasurer’s Report – The WEDF financial information was provided to members by Mike Hixson, Treasurer. Funds in reserve total \$103,730.83 as of 02/28/18.
- WAEDF Economic development update – Chuck Dougherty reported on the following:
 1. Exit 82 Phase II – Final walk-through revealed forty-one items that needed to be completed to include erosion control and drainage corrections.
 2. Exit 82 Phase III – Connects Main Street to the South Access Road. CEC is the engineer/designer. The final design is not complete.
 3. Wendy’s and Chicken Express hope to be finished by late summer. Qdoba hopes to open this month.
 4. Pointe Place – Construction continues on the Gaylon Vogt property.
 5. West Main Project – Construction continues on the Bob Bartmann building at the corner of 8th Street and Main Street.
 6. Estates of Weatherford – Should have 24 units available for rental soon.
 7. The Weatherford Industrial Trust has purchased 70 acres just north of the current Weatherford Business and Technology Park. Working on applying for an EDA grant with SWODA in order to develop park and be able to sell lots at a reasonable price.
 8. Weatherford Business and Technology Park – Currently six business underway including Red Rock Behavioral Health Services and Marcus Wright Services
 9. Sales Tax – Up 17.16% for January 2018. Tax is up 15.26% for the year.
 10. New construction – There are currently 30 new homes under construction, of which 5 were started in February.
 11. One-half Cent Sales Tax – Vote for one-half cent tax will be on April 3, 2018. The WAEDF will hold a Special Meeting on March 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for public input and information regarding the tax.
- Special Presentation – Brent Wilcox, President, Oklahoma Political Strategies, LLC – Lyle Road Sales Tax Campaign
 - Currently there are 2,210 active voters in Weatherford out of 6,600 registered voters.
 - Radio, newspaper ads and mailers to start within a week. Campaign will also include digital billboard ads, phone calls, and a website.
 - Aim of campaign is higher voter turnout.
 - An informational meeting will be held on March 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joy McKillip - Secretary