

Weatherford Area Economic Development Foundation
Special Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2018
Weatherford City Hall – 522 W. Rainey Ave – Weatherford, OK 73096

- Call to order – WAEDF President, Chuck Dougherty called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Notice – Notice of the meeting was posted at the Weatherford City Hall and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk at 4:45 p.m., March 13, 2018
- Attendance – Please see attached sign-in sheet for attendance. Special guests were recognized or introduced.
- Informal information session with Matt Coe, Bill Myers, Mike Karlin, Louis Flowers, and Chuck Dougherty answering questions posed by attendees.
- Group question and answer session – attendees asked questions in a formal group-meeting session concerning the Lyle Road 2018 Sales Tax Proposition.
 - Bonnie Walker – Questioned the cost of project and asked if Phase I could be done if the proposition did not pass. Matt Coe answered that Phase I takes care of the drainage for Phase II. Funding for the campaign is through the WAEDF.
 - Bill Johanning – Questioned whether or not this campaign was following the 1964 Voting Rights Act and stated that he wanted the utilities buried.
 - Dewayne Graybill – Lives on Locust Lane and his house has flooded twice. Stated he wants Lyle Rd finished due to heavy traffic down Lyle and he wants people to have a good perception of Weatherford. He stated that everyone that pays taxes will contribute to the cost.
 - Jerry Unwin – Says that he supports rebuilding Lyle Rd, but does not support the tax.
 - Herschel Brewster – Stated that Weatherford is progressive and this project is for future generations. The time is right for this to be done.
 - Karen Antwine – Says there are safety concerns with the current three lanes and that flooding is terrible.
 - Bruce Magill – Says that waiting will only result in the project costing more.
 - Larry Sharp – Lives on Ryan Drive. His house and garage take on water and agrees that the traffic has greatly increased on Lyle Rd.
 - Bonnie Walker – Supports Lyle Rd, but is concerned how this will be paid for if the vote fails. Chuck Dougherty explained that in 2020 the 1-cent tax falls off and would have to be reinstated by a vote of the people. This would push the project back to 2022-2024.
 - Mike Karlin – States there are safety issues on Lyle Road and access to the West side is bad.
 - Louis Flowers – States the unlevel road is dangerous during ice events and that the road was not originally designed for its current traffic load.
 - Bill Myers – Federal funding for projects has greatly decreased. Tax is viable option.
 - Matt Coe – This area has really become developed with an increase in pedestrian traffic. This could tie in with County project. Costs will only increase over time.

- Jerry Unwin – Wanted to know where the water will go. Matt Coe answered that it goes to Deer Creek and then on the South goes to ODOT drainage.
- Brent Wilcox was introduced and spoke briefly about ads in the newspapers, radio, and website.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joy McKillip - Secretary