

Weatherford Area Economic Development Foundation
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 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 9:30 a.m., July 6, 2018.
- Attendance – Please see attached sign-in sheet for attendance. Special guests were recognized or introduced.
- Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the meeting of June 13, 2018 were unanimously approved.
- Presentation of Treasurer’s Report – The WEDF financial information was provided to members by Mike Hixson. Funds in reserve total \$91,595.13 as of 06/30/18.
- WAEDF Economic development update – Chuck Dougherty reported on the following:
 1. Exit 82 Phase II – There is no date for completion of the stamped concrete wall to control erosion. The manhole height has been corrected. The drainage at ASAP has been corrected.
 2. Exit 82 Phase III – Connects S Access road to Main Street – CEC is developing the plan.
 3. Exit 84 – Overpass to be completely replaced with five lanes and a pedestrian sidewalk. Plans should be at 60% by October 2018. Final plans available by January 2020 and project to be let by 2021. A full storm water drainage plan is to be done. The City has made several requests for this area including traffic signals, extending paving, and matching lights on the overpass.
 4. West Main Project – Bob Bartmann’s building should be completed and open this month.
 5. Chicken Express – Should be open for business in a couple of weeks.
 6. Wendy’s – Breaking ground this month.
 7. Red Rock Behavioral Health – Dirt work has been started. Plans have been submitted for review.
 8. Weatherford Industrial Trust – The Weatherford Industrial Trust is on track with SWODA to apply for EDA grants.
 9. Sales Tax – Up 14.1%. Tax up 14.2% for the year.
 10. Lyle Road Project – The City and Myers Engineering are working on preliminary plans.
 11. Construction – Currently 32 single family homes and 8 commercial properties under construction.
 12. Stafford Air and Space Museum Legacy Campaign – Continues to raise funds for the expansion and remodel at the Stafford Air and Space Museum. Cobb Road to be relocated.
 13. Next month’s speaker will be Chad Wilson, Superintendent of Weatherford Public Schools.
 14. September meeting will be a recognition luncheon for Senator Schultz and will be held September 14, 2018 at 11:30am at Lucille’s .
- Special Presentation – Dr. Randy Buetler, Southwestern Oklahoma State University President
 - School starts August 20, 2018.
 - Enrollment up the last four years in a row.
 - Pioneer Cellular Event Center has had an economic impact of \$8.4 million. PCEC was used as an incident command center during April wildfires.
 - Rogers Hall to be renamed Mann Hall.
 - State funding cut by 25% over the last 3 years. No funding cuts this year.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joy McKillip - Secretary