

Weatherford Area Economic Development Foundation
Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2019

Weatherford City Hall – 522 W. Rainey – Weatherford, OK 73096

- Call to order – Chairman Barbara Jones called the meeting to order at 8:31am
- Attendance – Please see the attached sign-in sheet for attendance, Special guests were recognized and introduced
- Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the meeting of August 7, 2019 were unanimously approved.
- Presentation of Treasurers Report – The WAEDF financial information was provided. Funds in reserve total \$81,539.20 as of August 31, 2019. A \$3000.00 withdrawal was made for OshKosh during the month of August.
- Update on Economic Development – Yolanda Creswell reported the following:
 - Current projects in the works: Taco Bell set to open this month, Exit 82 ODOT update given, Lyle road update given, Farm Bureau ground breaking, 2 new business prospects, Biscoe commercial development south of interstate.
 - Attended Summit and spoke with Gov. Stitt regarding his initiative on workforce development. Yolanda requested businesses to submit to her information on their workforce development projects.
 - Yolanda and Mike Hixson represented Weatherford at the OK 2030 state planning meeting that was held in Woodward.
 - Special thank you to those attending the Senator Lankford Luncheon, especially to the WAEDF board for funding the event.
 - Upcoming events: Breakfast in the country Friday, Sept 13th 7-9am, Rt. 66 nights Friday, Sept 13th, SWOSU Parents Weekend Friday, Sept 13 – Sunday, Sept. 15th, Community planning meeting Tuesday, Sept 24th 6:30pm.
 - Dept. of Commerce coming for a tour and meeting with Yolanda and Mayor Brown Monday, Sept 23rd
- Special Presentation – Chad Wilson, WPS Superintendent
 - District enrollment up 568 students in the last 10 years. Current enrollment is 2451 students. Class sizes still remain at under 24 in all grades. Currently no transfer students are being allowed.
 - Staffing: certified 162, support 122
 - Financials: 14% carryover to work from until actual numbers are given by the state and funding starts arriving around December.
 - Teacher shortage: 10 years ago there would be about 25 applicants for a teaching position, now on average there are 3 applicants. Individuals with emergency certifications are being utilized.
 - 5 National Merit Scholars in last 4 years. Pat Lightfoot one of 12 finalists in state for Teacher of the Year Award (video shown)
- Bond Project Timeline presented
- Meeting adjourned at 9:17 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Deb Hanson, Secretary