

Weatherford Area Economic Development Foundation  
Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2019

Stafford Air and Space Museum, 3000 Logan Road – Weatherford, OK 73096

- Lunch was served at 11:30am
- Call to order – Barbara Jones called the meeting to order at 12pm
- Max Avery welcome everyone to the museum and updates of the museum
- Attendance – Please see the attached sign-in sheet for attendance, Special guests were recognized and introduced
- Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the meeting of October 9, 2019 were unanimously approved.
- Presentation of Treasurers Report – The WAEDF financial information was provided. Funds in reserve total \$80,734.20. \$1,260.00 was withdrawn for Senator Lankford Luncheon. 44 members was the total for 2019.
- Nomination and election for the WAEDF Board of Directors. Derrick Roper-chairman, Karen Magill, chairman-elect and Marrik Vandersee, secretary. Motion was unanimously approved.
- Update on Economic Development – Yolanda Creswell reported the following:
  - Current projects in the works: Exit 82 Phase III-bids came in to high, so ODOT will be taking bids again in March 2020. Lyle Road Project-they are finishing the Right of Way. Myers Engineer will be attending the November 26<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting to answers questions. Lugi's Restaurant is at it new location and opened this Wednesday. Sales Tax down for the month of September -2.80%. New Burger King Construction will begin soon. WIT Board approve plans for the new Industrial Park this plan will be approved at the City Commission Meeting on November 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Working on new lighting with PSO for the cemetery, airport road, and the golf course
  - Community Coffee November 21 at Bank of Western Oklahoma
  - Community planning meeting will be head on November 19, 2019.
- Special Presentation – Jon Chappie, Research and Economic Analysis at the Department of Commerce and Brent Kisling, Director Department of Commerce.

Chappie spoke about the upcoming census. He said they started working on the upcoming census. He said they started working on the census two years ago. They submitted about 84,000 new addresses to the master address file.

Brent Kisling thanked the City of Weatherford for investing in its infrastructure. He stated there are two parts of economic development. Growth, companies are looking for and relationship. Brent stated the big focus they have right now is working to become a top 10 state in every category. We need to grow its own companies first. Need to make sure every community is aggressively trying to grow. Brent stated Oklahoma needs to be active in economic development is to make more opportunities for the next generations.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm