

Weatherford Area Economic Development Foundation
Meeting Minutes
April 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 11:00 a.m., April 9, 2018.
- Attendance – Please see attached sign-in sheet for attendance. Special guests were recognized or introduced.
- Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the meeting of March 14, 2018 were unanimously approved. Minutes from the Special Meeting of March 22, 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 \$97,769.55 as of 03/31/18.
- Lyle Road Project update – Mayor Mike Brown thanked the Foundation for supporting the campaign. The sales tax increase will begin July 1, 2018 and will bring the total tax up to 9 ½ percent. Project will see four lanes with curb, gutter and sidewalk and be in three phases consisting of drainage, road work, and sidewalk. Working on grants and starting the bonding process. Some easements will have to be obtained.
- WAEDF Economic development update – Chuck Dougherty reported on the following:
 1. Exit 82 Phase II – Completion target date for incomplete items is April 15, 2018. A stamped concrete wall for erosion control will be installed.
 2. Exit 82 Phase III – Connects Main Street to the South Access Road. The City Commission voted to move ahead with the design work.
 3. L5 Property – Qdoba will be open soon.
 4. West Main Project – Construction continues on the Bob Bartmann building at the corner of 8th Street and Main Street. The City will be installing a sidewalk and parking.
 5. Chicken Express and Wendy’s – Construction plans continue.
 6. Pointe Place – Construction continues on the Gaylon Vogt property.
 7. Estates of Weatherford – There are 24 units available to rent. Should be completed with remaining units sometime in May.
 8. 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.
 9. Weatherford Business and Technology Park – Red Rock Behavioral Health has closed on 9½ acres along Airport Road. Marcus Wright Services building construction continues.
 10. Sales Tax – Up 10.5% for February 2018, an all-time February record. Tax is up 14% for the year.
 11. New construction – Six new single family dwellings, two multi-family, and one commercial building were started in February.
 12. Oklahoma Southwest Alliance Economic Development Conference will be held April 25-26, 2018 at SWOSU Business Enterprise Center.
 13. Stafford Air and Space Museum Legacy Campaign has raised over 2 million towards renovation and expansion.
- Special Presentation – Julie Knutson, President and CEO of The Oklahoma Academy.
 - Private, non-partisan, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to improving the state.
 - Not a part of State government.
 - Encourages citizens to exercise civil rights and contact legislators.
 - Cover a wide range of topics, including education, small business development, government structure, crime, technology and the future, and the state's constitution.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joy McKillip - Secretary