

Weatherford Area Economic Development Foundation

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2019

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

- Call to order – Chairman Barbara Jones called the meeting to order at 7:03 am.
- Attendance – Please see the attached sign-in sheet for attendance. Special guests were recognized or introduced.
- Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2019 were unanimously approved.
- Presentation of Treasurer’s Report – The WAEDF financial information was provided. Funds in reserve total \$94,116.83 as of April 30, 2019.
- Update on Economic Development – Mayor Mike Brown reported on the following:
  - Sales Tax Results – Sales tax has been up for 26 consecutive months.
  - Weatherford was recently named the safest city in Oklahoma. Weatherford will install signs announcing this.
  - Positive response from directional signs posted around town, will be adding more of these.
  - Construction – There are 30-40 new homes presently under construction; the recent Parade of Homes had a good turnout. There are 2 duplexes under construction, and 2 more coming. About 20 new homes are planned in the development off Lyle Road and 29 town homes in Eagle Heights.
  - Summer activities – The public pool and splash pad will open Memorial Day weekend. The YMCA is promoting swimming lessons and provides them to every 2<sup>nd</sup> grader in Weatherford.
  - Lyle Road – Engineers are working behind the scenes, several flooding issues have been reported this past weekend.
  - The committee has finished with interviews for the new Economic Developer and Yolanda Creswell has been hired for the position. She will begin work on June 3.
- Special Presentation – Yolanda Creswell
  - Yolanda currently lives in Thomas and works for the Western Oklahoma Workforce Board.
  - She has previous economic development and grant writing and administration experience
  - She is very positive and excited about working in Weatherford.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:32 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Thiessen (substitute for vacant Secretary)

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Board Meeting Minutes

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- Call to order – Chairman Barbara Jones called the meeting to order at 7:44 am.
- Attendance – Please see the attached sign-in sheet for attendance.
- Discussion – Mark Schoonmaker described the Osh Kosh fly-in, where he has represented Weatherford in the Oklahoma booth in past years. The benefits of attending this event are scheduled meetings with businesses considering relocation, the closing luncheon with Senator Inhofe, and the opportunity to promote Weatherford's September fly-in. Mr. Schoonmaker requests funds of \$3,000 from WAEDF to attend this year's Osh Kosh fly-in.
- Vote – Motion (by David Duncan and seconded by Doug Misak) to approve funds of \$3,000 to attend the fly-in. Motion passed.
- Discussion – WAEDF Secretary nominations. Motion (by Barbara Jones and second by David Duncan) to nominate Deb Hanson for the Secretary position. Motion passed.
- Discussion – meeting times. Discussion of changing the regular meeting time. Options considered were lunch time and evening time. As membership declines, reasons cited for not attending include the dissatisfaction with early morning meeting times. Pros and cons of different options were discussed; no action was taken.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:08 am.

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