

Weatherford Area Economic Development Foundation

Meeting Minutes

Sept 14, 2016

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

- **Call to Order** – Chairman Mike Hixson called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.
- **Notice** - Notice of the meeting was posted at the Weatherford City Hall and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk at 8:20 A.M., Sept 7, 2016
- **Attendance** - Please see attached sign-in sheet for attendance. Several special guests were recognized or introduced.
- **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from the meeting of Aug 10, 2016 where unanimously approved.
- **Presentation of Treasurer's Report** - The WEDF financial information was provided to members by Wes Magill, Treasurer. Funds in reserve total \$109,288.04 as of 08.31.2016.
- **WAEDF Economic development update** - Chuck Dougherty reported on the following:
 1. Exit 82 Phase II – Progress continues to move forward. The purchase if small parcel of land is necessary to enable the project. Expect a Q1 2017 start. All is in place with the City and ODOT.
 2. Exit 82 Phase III – A tentative resolution to proceed was approved by City Council
 3. Food Resource Center – Opened August 30. Approximately 200 visitors on day one. On the third day of service 118 people came to the center. It is providing important service for the community.
 4. Old Ford Dealership Property – Engineering concepts and plans for the next phase and drainage indicate fixes could cost as much as \$600 - \$750 thousand to complete. For now grass has been planted while final decisions and funding are plans are pending.
 5. AEP – 10,000 sq. ft. Service Center construction is underway.
 6. New Construction: Many new things are in process in Weatherford including a new Pioneer Cellular retail office, LaQuinta Hotel, Burger Restaurant, Edward Jones Office, Senior Living apartments, and more.
 7. Building Permits 2016 - 23 residential (13 in July-Aug), 7 commercial, and more construction outside City limits.
 8. Sales Tax Results – Down 7.07% for July compared to last year, down 8.52% year to date. Budgeted for -5%.
- **Special Presentation – Kurt Hamburger (R), Commissioner District 2, Custer County since 2013. The Commissioner discussed projects that are of interest to Weatherford and surrounding area.**
 - 911 Blaine County Call Center** to be located in Weatherford will be operational by December 2016
 - Lawter Road Project:** In progress. Much has been already completed that will improve drainage for residential areas on the northern side of Weatherford. There has been much cooperation with private land owners in providing access, right of way, and acquisitions. In addition to much needed drainage improvements, the road will be widened and resurfaced from Hwy 54 and ending at Lark Road.
 - **Thomas area projects** include new improvements to the street in the business district
 - **Injection wells** are on the Commissioners agenda and need planning and zoning principles applied.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Gary Mol - Secretary

Chuck Dougherty - WAED Director