

Weatherford Area Economic Development Foundation
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2017
Weatherford City Hall – 522 W. Rainey Ave – Weatherford, OK 73096

- Call to order – Chuck Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m.
- Notice – Notice of the meeting was posted at the Weatherford City Hall and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk at 1:30 p.m., July 5, 2017
- Attendance – Please see attached sign-in sheet for attendance. Special guests were recognized or introduced.
- Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the meeting of June 14, 2017 were unanimously approved.
- Presentation of Treasurer’s Report – The WEDF financial information was provided to members by Wes Magill, Treasurer. Funds in reserve total \$107,449.69 as of 06/30/17.
- WAEDF Economic development update – Chuck Dougherty reported on the following:
 1. Exit 82 Phase II – Work continues and is ahead of schedule. Allen Contracting plans to be done February 2018.
 2. Exit 82 Phase III – Contract has been signed with CEC to design project which is on the ODOT 8-year plan. Project could possibly start as early as 2019.
 3. Pioneer Cellular – Grand opening scheduled for August 7, 2017.
 4. New businesses – Gaylon Vogt has two projects under review. The Zerby project is underway. Work is continuing on the Papa John’s. Bob Bartmann has plans for West Main Street. PSO is already planning to expand and improve their new facility.
 5. Estates of Weatherford – Construction continues. There is much interest from the public.
 6. New businesses – There is continued interest in a new chicken restaurant. The Zerby project is progressing. The West Main project is progressing.
 7. New diesel mechanic shop in town.
 8. Sales tax – Up 22.15 percent in May. Up 6.32 percent for the year.
 9. MODA – Phase II of signage grant for wayfinding signs.
 10. Sales tax – one-half cent sales tax will go to vote in September. This tax is to be used exclusively for infrastructure such as drainage on Lyle Rd.
 11. WAEDF August 9th meeting will be at City Hall with Oklahoma Senator Mike Schulz as the speaker.
- Special Presentation – SWOSU President Randy Beutler gave an update on Southwestern Oklahoma State University.
 - MSN ranked SWOSU at 18th in the nation.
 - Tuition will increase 4.9%. SWOSU is still one of the most affordable colleges.
 - Budget cuts – 15-16 percent of the budget goes to scholarships.
 - Enrollment is up.
 - Dormitory remodel underway.
 - Pioneer Cellular Event Center - \$8.5 million dollar economic impact in 3 years.
 - Significant growth in programs – Graduate, Masters, and nursing.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joy McKillip - Secretary