

# Greater Enid Chamber of Commerce

## 2016-17 Community Development Highlights

- **\$360 million Kaw Lake water pipeline** project was approved by Enid voters. The project will provide a diversified, sustainable water source for Enid.
- **Koch Fertilizer's \$1.3 billion plant expansion** was completed. It is one of the largest capital expenditures in state history.
- **Hanor relocated their corporate headquarters to Enid.** Hanor Family of Companies employs 6000 nationwide.
- **Vance AFB \$35 million runway** was completed. The project signifies a long-term commitment to the base and its continued mission in Enid.
- New shopping centers opened – **Land Run Town Center** (Academy Sports) and **Stonebridge Plaza**.
- Enid had **\$812 million net taxable sales** in 2016. That was 20% above pre-oil boom levels.
- **Chisholm View wind farm** had a \$100 million expansion.
- **Transportation Partners & Logistics** chose Enid for their new rail yard which houses wind energy components. TP&L positions Enid for further growth in the industry.
- **Esplanade Apartments** opened and additional housing projects are underway.
- **Glo**, a new Best Western hotel brand, has been announced for the **downtown hotel**.
- **New Enid entry signs** were installed and a community wayfinding signage plan is being implemented.
- Enid Public Schools is making progress on school improvements approved in the **\$93 million school bond**. The competition gym and fine arts center are scheduled for completion in summer 2019.
- Enid is continuing to invest in important **infrastructure and quality of life improvements** (water resources, road upgrades, park & trails).
- **CNB Center** continued to expand Enid's visitor industry and bring outstanding entertainment opportunities to NW Oklahoma.

## 2016-17 Enid Chamber Events & Activities

- Coordinated **federal legislative trip** to Washington, D.C. Topics included: Vance AFB, federal regulation, health care, immigration reform and education.
- Organized **Enid Day at the Capitol** legislative breakfast. Topics included: state budget shortfall, education, health care, and incentives & tax credits.
- Partnered with the State Chamber to offer the **Small Business Chamber Alliance**. The program provides legislative "Action Alerts" and helps small businesses engage in legislative advocacy.
- Participated in **Oklahoma Mid-Size Cities Coalition** to advocate legislative priorities for mid-sized cities (rural health care, regional universities & colleges, etc.).
- Supported legislation to move-up the **sunset for wind industry tax credits**, thus reducing future state budget impact but maintaining the state's commitment for existing wind farms.
- Supported **cigarette tax increase** to deter smoking and avoid more reimbursement rate reductions for hospitals and other medical providers.
- Established the **ENID 4 TEACHERS** program whereby businesses can support teachers in the region by offering teacher discounts.
- Partnered with sponsors and other organizations to celebrate Enid's history and heritage through the **Cherokee Strip Celebration**.
- **Candy Cane Cash** event promoted holiday shopping in Enid and provided \$15,000 in cash prizes.
- **NW District Jr. Livestock Show** attracted over 2,500 visitors, supported youth agriculture education and raised \$115,000 for premium sale exhibitors.
- **Enlisted Appreciation Night** generated over \$24,000 in cash and prizes from Enid's business community to support VAFB enlisted personnel.
- Organized and promoted **Camp Tomahawk**, a summer camp program for underprivileged children, in partnership with Vance Air Force Base.
- **Chamber Ambassadors** conducted many ribbon cuttings for new or expanding businesses and provided volunteer support at community events.
- Provided **membership networking** opportunities through Business Spotlight @ Lunch and Business After Hours events.
- Provided **academic achievement awards** to students and retirement recognition for teachers.
- **Enid Chamber Committee of 100** contributions supported "Project Lead the Way" in Enid Public Schools (STEM curriculum and training).
- Supported efforts to expand the United Way **Coach-A-Kid Enid** mentoring program.