



The past year has been both a pleasure, and a true privilege to serve as your Chairman of the Board for the Greater Enid Chamber of Commerce.

Before I get to some of the highlights that we enjoyed as a community, I want to thank Jon for his leadership and commitment to Enid as Chamber President, along with Kalea, Lesley and Joan for their hard work at the Chamber.

I would like to thank all of our Chamber members for believing in and supporting our mission.

I also want to thank all of our board members for their commitment and support.

Lastly, I want to thank my wife, Jenni, for her love and support as I continue my journey in helping make Enid a destination place for our children and future generations to call home.

As I mentioned, it has been a great year in Enid! Some of the community highlights I would like to mention are:

- The new \$2.5 million terminal at Enid Woodring Regional Airport is nearing completion
- Vance Air Force Base increased pilot training from 320 to 420 pilots annually
- Enid Public Schools is completing the final improvements from the \$93 million school bond approved in 2016. The competition gym and fine arts center are expected to be completed by the end of 2019.
- Enid Brewing Company, Enid's first craft beer company, opened in Downtown Enid
- Retail development projects at Lahoma Courts have been announced.
- New restaurants have opened in Enid's West Garriott retail corridor
- We have our very own professional indoor football team, the Oklahoma Flying Aces
- The Stride Bank Center continues to bring in outstanding entertainment to NW Oklahoma
- The Enid First group has been visiting and researching other cities of comparable size to hear success stories and gather ideas to help develop an updated community improvement and marketing plan
- Retail sales were up 5% in 2018 from the previous year which keeps Enid on pace for the Billion by 2025 Plan

Credit needs to be given to everyone involved with each accomplishment.

Whether that is being brave enough to start a new business, supportive enough to get out and vote on an issue, helping bring awareness to programs and initiatives, sitting on a board or volunteering for a project involved with one of these endeavors, or simply by shopping locally to keep our tax dollars here instead of other cities.

A huge thank you is owed to everyone that supports the ongoing efforts of those trying to make Enid a destination city for industry and families.

I encourage citizens of this fine community to take a brief moment out of every day to think about what they could do to make our city just a little bit better. Together, there is no holding us back!

Sincerely,

Kyle Hockmeyer
Chairman of the Board