



It has been my honor to serve as Chairman of the Greater Enid Chamber of Commerce this year. It's been a productive year as is outlined in the Chamber's Community Development Highlights and Events summary. Much has been accomplished but much remains to be done. Still, it is appropriate to recognize some of the projects that have been completed or which remain in process, including:

- Continued construction of the Kaw Lake Water Pipeline. This project, which is expected to complete in 2024 will secure vital water resources for our community for the next century;
- Advance Soccer Complex completion. This public-private partnership exemplifies what happens when a community and private benefactors work together to build facilities that will benefit our community for generations to come.
- Improvements at Woodring Regional Airport will support full mission requirements of Vance Air Force Base as the center runway at Vance is reconstructed. These improvements and the commitment of the resources to support them evidences, again, the unparalleled relationship between Vance Air Force Base and the City of Enid.

Enid remains the medical hub for Northwest Oklahoma with two outstanding hospital systems, clinics and, of course, the medical professionals that work to keep us healthy. The community continues to make progress toward returning a primary care residency in partnership with GSP Health Center and Oklahoma State University. Oklahoma does not typically rate highly in wellness categories and a key to changing that ranking is physician access. This residency program is vitally important in re-establishing a pipeline of physicians to care for our citizens and neighbors.

The Chamber continues to work with its partners to further diversify our economy through supporting existing business and attracting new ventures. Our educational partners are actively and strategically engaged in efforts to create a strong, ready workforce capable of providing solutions to employers now and for the future. While pivoting to emerging opportunity, we must continue to support and protect the energy and agriculture sectors that have been the backbone of our economy throughout our history.

I want to extend a special thanks to Jon Blankenship and the Chamber staff, Brandy, Michelle and Lori for their often-unseen efforts to make Enid such a great place to raise a family and grow a business. I have leaned heavily upon you during my term as Chairman and know that you will continue to provide outstanding leadership for years to come. I am grateful for the opportunity to work closely with such talented and committed professionals.

Enid is the home to great businesses and a lot of great leaders who have worked hard to ensure that Oklahoma and, indeed, Enid is prepared to compete in the global economy. Today, we have a thriving community with leaders of all ages whose entrepreneurial spirit has built upon the rich legacy of Enid. I believe the best remains before us and I am pleased that Alex Williams will succeed me as Chamber Chair. Alex will bring a new vision and great energy to continuing the important work being accomplished by The Greater Enid Chamber of Commerce.

Respectfully,

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