



As the outgoing Chairman of the Greater Enid Chamber of Commerce, let me start by saying what an honor it's been serving the business community of Greater Enid. I'm proud of the way our businesses emerged from the pandemic. You showed great resiliency. We all adapted in some way and adopted new ways of doing business, as we fought to stay afloat. Exciting projects and events forged ahead and we have a multitude of activities to be excited about.

As a Chamber, we supported business growth, we had meaningful discussion with our legislators during Enid Day at the Capitol, we celebrated our heritage during the Cherokee Strip days and we showed gratitude for our military at Enlisted Appreciation Night where you helped us distribute over \$15,000 in cash and prizes. Other Chamber initiatives include:

- **The NW District Livestock Show** that attracted over 2,500 visitors and supported youth agriculture education and raised over \$215,000 for premium sale exhibitors.
- **Member Benefits** have been enhanced as Chamber members enjoyed free job postings on the workinenid.com job board and free email marketing for members.
- In **Education**, the Enid Chamber Committee of 100 contributions helped provide scholarships for area students to attend Northern Oklahoma College-Enid and Northwestern Oklahoma State University-Enid. We recognized Common Ed and Higher Ed retiring teachers in the region for their contribution to our youth and we offered the Enid 4 Teachers discount program.
- And shopping local was rewarded as we ended the calendar year with **Candy Cane Cash** capped off by a huge crowd on hand vying for a shot a \$15,000 in cash prizes.

Many hours went into making these projects and events happen. On behalf of the chamber members and board of directors, I would like to thank Jon Blankenship for making this a year of growth with lots of optimism for our future. Jon, you're a great leader, not only for our organization, but for the community and state. I would also like to thank Brandy and Leticia for all they do for the Chamber, and Lori Coonrod for the new, dynamic ideas you've been able to implement this last year.

I mentioned we have a lot to be excited about for the future of Enid and I don't know if I've been more excited for development in my hometown since my dad was driving me to kindergarten and we passed the mall on our daily commute. Here are few highlights:

- **Local investment in the West Garriott corridor** including The District and development to the west has brought in new business, beautified a heavily-trafficked thoroughfare and has provided confidence that has and will spur other investment.
- **Work on Advance Soccer Complex** continues with a scheduled completion in early 2023 that will compliment David Allen Memorial Ballpark and continue to expand athletics tourism in Enid.
- **No Man's Land Foods** completed a major expansion project utilizing a fantastic Enid building as they continue to experience growth.
- **Kaw Lake water pipeline** reached construction benchmarks. The project will provide a diversified, sustainable water source for Enid.
- **Koch Fertilizer Enid** completed a **\$150 million expansion** on its plant.
- Skilled-worker demand is at a high and to fulfill those needs, **The Enid Police Department Training Center** opened recently, Autry Technology completed expansion to include **Cafe Blú, the McCullough Lab and Diesel Technology and NOC and Northwestern partnered on a 3.5 year education degree program** – These enhancements ensure our area workforce will have the skills to serve our community.
- These investments improve quality of life directly and indirectly by helping **Enid 2021 retail sales increase more than 4%** and on pace for the Billion by 2025 Plan.

All these collective efforts prove Enid is open for business! I encourage all of you here tonight to utilize the services and support offered by the Chamber and many other pro-business organizations around us. If you don't know how to access them – just ask! Thank you again for allowing me to serve as Board Chairman, it has been a great honor.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason A. Turnbow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Jason" and "Turnbow" being the most distinct parts.

Jason A. Turnbow
Chairman of the Board