

## **April Meeting of the Greenwood County Economic Development Council is Held**

A small group of interested citizens met Wednesday, April 17 at Tri-Corner at Fall River Lake for the Economic Development monthly meeting. Those attending were Joe Beeman, Anna Curry, Cindy Pereira, Larry Whipple, Linda Snyder and Becky Lolley. Bill Maness, District Representative for Senator Jerry Moran, was our guest.

Vice President Beeman called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Linda Snyder motioned and Larry Whipple seconded to accept the March minutes as written.

The graduation gifts for Greenwood County high school seniors were discussed. There are a total of 66 seniors this year. The breakdown of seniors is: Eureka-38, Madison-16, Hamilton-7, West Elk-4 and Flint Hills-1. Cindy will contact the Branding Iron with the number of key chains needed and continue raising funds. Estimated cost for the gifts is \$400 and the total donated at this time is \$100.

A meeting for the counties involved in the *Fabulous Finds on Highway 99* scheduled for September 27 and 28 was held in Emporia on April 10. Information will be distributed soon on advertising opportunities for the event. This was a successful effort last year and should be even bigger this year.

In the Director's Report, Cindy talked about the Project 17/Kansas Leadership Center training that she attended April 8 through 11 in Wichita. The Kansas Leadership Center focuses on adaptive leadership and believes that leadership is an action not a position. Deina Rockhill and Bill Maness were also participants. This was the first of 40 training sessions that are being planned for the Project 17 area. Anyone can be a leader at any time and Greenwood County residents are encouraged to become involved. Visit <http://twsproject17.org/> for more information on this initiative.

Cindy also reported that "Greenwood County, Kansas" is now a Facebook page and she encouraged everyone to visit and like the page. Anyone can post on the page, but it will be monitored to make sure nothing offensive is posted.

Another issue right now is the hours of operation for the C&D Landfill and how the hours affect businesses in the County. There is a joint effort underway to find a reasonable solution.

In community reports Linda Snyder reported that efforts to build a new community center in Hamilton are ongoing. They hope to have recommendations to review in May. Joe has purchased a building and will be opening the "Slate Creek Country Store" soon. He will have a variety of items from hardware to seed to folk art. He also is hoping to create a museum at the depot which he has also purchased.

In Eureka, the collaboration between the Kansas State School of Architecture is on-going and will be continued next year. Three specific projects have been identified as vital to the initiative. There will be a carnival in June and the PRCA rodeo will be back in August. A Prelude to the Symphony event was held at the Greenwood Hotel on April 9 and was well attended.

Anna reported that the County Fair will be held the last weekend in July. The fair is a year-round effort for her and many others. The Scavenger Hunt contest is back this year and the flyer is available at [www.greenwoodcounty.org](http://www.greenwoodcounty.org) under the "Events" tab.

Fall River will host the Third Annual Bluegrass Jam on April 27 at the old high school. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/130801470431932/?ref=2>.

Anna has been giving presentations on how to make rain barrels and she will provide the information to the group at next month's meeting.

The next meeting will be held on May 15 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Eureka Studio located next to the Historic Greenwood Hotel at 302 N. Main Street in Eureka. The Council extends an open invitation to all Greenwood County residents to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. on a motion by Larry Whipple and second by Cindy Pereira.