



Director's Report

March 25, 2024

In addition to our normal weekly economic development activities, updates on our major projects include:

- "The Positive Employee Program"
 - We have completed 2 Employee classes and one Employer Overview this year
 - The first employee class began January 29 and ended Feb 26. It was a class held for primarily Delta County employees and was taught in 4 4-hour sessions rather than our normal 7 sessions. The format and materials were the same, just taught over a shorter time period. The class was a success and received strong ratings but it helped confirm our thought the class is more effective when taught over a longer period with shorter sessions. The class had 20 attendees.
 - Our second Employee Winter class began Feb 7 and ended March 27. It was full with 25 attendees.
 - Since inception in the fall of 2022, a total of 253 attendees have been through the program
 - Our spring class will begin April 3 and has 21 enrolled.

- Quarterly Economic Update
 - A Quarterly Economic Update with Dr Perry is scheduled for Friday, April 5. The reservations are nearing capacity.

- Industrial Park Expansion
 - Planning is just about complete
 - The two Boundary Adjustments have been approved by City of Delta. Deeds and plats are awaiting signatures and approval of the Preliminary Plat
 - A Change in Use permit has been approved by CDOT
 - The next step will be applying for construction funding
 - We hope to begin construction in late 2024

- Workforce Housing Project
 - The first Community Outreach meeting was held on February 29. We invited the immediate neighbors to the proposed project. It was a cordial meeting and we received good feedback
 - We plan to hold additional Community Outreach meetings to include potential buyers and employers
 - We are exploring potential funding sources for additional pre-planning expenses
 - We are considering having a video made to help explain the project proposal

- Business Expansion and Relocation
 - We are working with an existing Delta County startup business to find a new location for expansion of their business
 - We have an existing business considering Delta County as a new additional location for their business