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Tim Phelan Honored as WCEDP Board President

After six years of leading the board of directors for the Waller County Economic Development Partnership, Tim Phelan was given an outstanding service award from the group for his dedicated service and leadership.

The WCEDP began in 2002 as the vision of a group of community leaders as a way to help create opportunities for local businesses and create a platform for future planning. During those six years Mr. Phelan watched the group grow from a dedicated board of directors representing the various community groups to a vibrant economic development organization which now includes 37 business partners in addition to the 15 community organizations represented on the board.

Business partners in the WCEDP make financial contributions that help promote Waller County and fund the organization. This includes some of the most prestigious engineering, legal, banking and financial firms in the county and region. When asked about the past six years Mr. Phelan commented; “It has been a pleasure serving as board president for the past six years. I am very proud of the partners and community leaders that helped to make the group successful. It truly is a team effort and we couldn’t have done it with out them.”

Mr. Phelan will stay on the board of directors but has passed the gavel to Wallace Everitt. Mr. Everitt is the immediate past president of the West I-10 Chamber of Commerce and sits on the Pattison City council. Mr. Everitt has served on the board for several years and has been an integral part of the group’s leadership. “I am pleased to have been chosen to sit as board president and I am looking forward to serving the group and the county. There are a lot of exciting things heading our way and I consider this to be a great honor.”, commented Mr. Everitt.

The WCEDP is currently making plans to start a business retention plan and was recently instrumental in helping the county adopt new subdivision regulations and tax abatement structure. Future plans include creating a series of community meetings to help inform citizens of events going on around the county and how regional issues are impacting our community. To learn more about the Waller County Economic Development Partnership, visit www.wallercounty.org.



Pictured are WCEBP Executive Director Vince Yokom (left) presenting Tim Phelan (center) with the outstanding service award while newly elected WCEBP board president Wallace Everitt (right) prepares to step in as the new board president.