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The WEDCO Annual Meeting was held on November 2nd, 2006 at the Orchard Hills County Club. Approximately 98 people were in attendance. Activities throughout the meeting included a DVD presentation on WEDCO's announced projects, and Community Partner Recognitions. Elaine Moore, Executive Director presented the 2006 Annual Report.

WEDCO 2007 Board Members
(Serving from January 2006-December 2007)

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| <u>Bryan</u> Tom Herman; Treasurer Dan Yahraus 1st Vice Chair <u>Holiday City</u> Sean Rupp | <u>Edgerton</u> Tom Strup; Past Chair Dale Mathys <u>Montpelier</u> Richard Shatzer Kurt Roan, Secretary <u>West Unity</u> Lew Hilkert Randy Mahlman | <u>Edon</u> Dennis Fenstermaker Sam Steffes <u>Pioneer</u> Edward Kidston Jim Bryan <u>Williams County</u> Tom Strup Dennis Bell |
| <u>Stryker</u> Gary St. John; Chair Joan Ruffer <u>Williams County Labor</u> Kent Hardy Don McCandless | Richard Hallett Ohio Gas | <u>Utility Board Members</u> Steve Casebere Bryan Municipal Utilities |
- Dennis Astley
North Western Electric Co-op

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Are Confidential Upon
Request

Executive Secretary: Diamond Zimmerman

*Comments from the WEDCO Chair:
Greetings WEDCO members,*

We are extremely pleased with the turnout at our annual meeting. It was the largest attendance to date!

The WEDCO Board is continually striving to provide efficient and effective service within the WEDCO operations, and to promote the coordination of WEDCO activities with that of the state and other local government agencies. We will avoid duplication efforts or confusion in promoting economic development efforts throughout the county, by providing personnel with the knowledge base within each of our communities.

Diamond Zimmerman in the WEDCO office is available to provide you with any information that you may need, and to arrange any meetings requested by business or industry.

The Board of Directors has determined that the board no longer has a need for an executive director. The implementation of this reorganization will empower the participating communities within Williams County to promote economic development. WEDCO is currently assisting with several projects in the county, and is looking forward to announcing good news for Williams County.

On behalf of the WEDCO Board of Directors, we thank you for your sustaining membership, and wish you a Merry Christmas, and a productive New Year!

~Gary St John

*Community Partner
Recognitions
2006 Annual Meeting*

- A-Stamp Industries—Bryan
- Oren Elliott Products—Edgerton
- PTC Enterprises—Edon
- Holiday Inn Express—Holiday City
- Bryan Systems—Montpelier
- Pioneer Forge—Pioneer
- R&S Lines—Stryker
- Manta Ray—West Unity

Success Through Partnerships!



The following spreadsheet shows an activity report of industries that WEDCO assisted through the year of 2006.

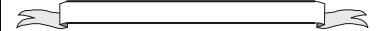
Announced Projects 2006

| Name | Location | Type | Programs | Sq Ft | New Jobs | Retained Jobs | Investment |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Ferguson Tools, Inc. | Edgerton | Expansion | CDBG/JCTC/RLF/166 | | 25 | | \$1,600,000.00 |
| Fleetwood | Edgerton | New Business | JCTC/OITP | | 200 | | \$755,000.00 |
| Stryker Farmer's Exchange | Stryker | Expansion | CRA | | 2 | | \$586,225.00 |
| H Machining | Bryan | Expansion | RLF | | 4 | | \$256,300.00 |
| New Era Ohio | Bryan | Expansion | JCTC/OITP | | 25 | 165 | \$8,00,000.00 |
| J&L Trailer Sales | County | Expansion | RLF | | | 2 | \$75,000.00 |
| West Water Jet | Montpelier | New Business | RLF | | 14 | | \$245,000.00 |
| CK Technologies | Montpelier | Expansion | JCTC/OITP | | 36 | 164 | \$4,900,000.00 |
| A-Stamp | Bryan | Expansion | RLF/CDBG | | 24 | | \$1,762,200.00 |
| Allied Moulded Products | Bryan | Expansion | JCTC/CRA/RLF | 155,000 | 36 | 162 | \$10,300,000.00 |
| Lawson Logging & Sawmill | Pioneer | New Business | RLF | | 3 | | \$388,500.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | 155,000 | 369 | 493 | \$28,868,225.00 |

From January 1st, — September 30th, 2006, the following lists of businesses were successful referrals from WEDCO to the SDBC, as either start-ups, or expansions of existing businesses in Williams County.



| Small Business Development NEW JOBS: 7 RETAINED: 3 INVESTMENT: \$375,000 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| Business Name | Location | Project Type | Job Creation | Investment |
| Inspirations by God | Bryan | Start-Up | 3 | \$55,000 |
| J&L Trailer Sales | County | Existing Business | 3 (retained) | \$200,000 |
| WestWater Jet | Montpelier | Start-Up | 4 | \$245,000 |
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- WEDCO 2006
New Members:**
- Airmate
 - All Ohio Ready Mix
 - Chardan
 - First Financial Bank
 - Titan Tire
 - WestWater Jet



Featured links for businesses:

 Look for new Updates!
-WEDCO
www.wedco.info

-Ohio Department of Development
www.odod.state.oh.us

-Ohio Department of Taxation
www.ohio.tax.gov

-Business Ohio. Gov
www.business.ohio.gov

-Small Business Development Center
www.odod.state.oh.us/edd/osb/sbdc

If you or your company received this newsletter, and is not a current WEDCO member and would like to join, please contact the WEDCO office for more information.

Membership Levels:

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Individual/Patron | \$105 |
| Small Business/Commercial | \$125 |
| Business/Industry | \$525 |
| Contributing Membership | \$ _____ |

WEDCO is a non-profit, member organization and would like to extend a special thanks to all members. Your support ensures the continued success of our organization and the businesses in Williams County.