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2024 PWCADC/WCDA BOARD MEMBERS

***WCDA and PWCADC
**PWCADC only
*WCDA only

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Thank
you!

We couldn't do
what we do without
the support of
our members and
community.

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2024

Today's accomplishments were yesterday's impossibilities."

- Robert H. Schuller

Have you ever heard the saying, "the days are long, but the years are short"?

As I write this letter, the saying resonates. When I wrote last year's blurb, the WVUP announcement had just been made regarding the purchase of the former Ohio Valley University property. Today, renovations are underway, and classes are expected to start in the fall of 2025. Discovery World on Market had opened in April 2023 and by their one-year anniversary in 2024, the museum had seen 60,000 visitors. Last year, West Virginia had no signs of a site certification program and this year, we're well on our way due to the introduction of YesWV. Now read it again: today's accomplishments were yesterday's impossibilities.

Economic development takes time. Economic development takes money. Economic development takes passionate people that are willing to take an "impossible" idea and bring it to fruition. Economic development also means accepting you (unfortunately) can't win them all and you must dust yourself off and keep trying. Over and over.

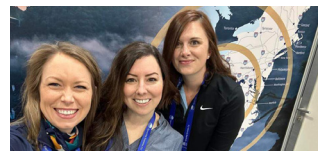
For over eight years, I've been blessed to work with so many of the passionate people I mentioned above who have started businesses, support businesses or volunteer their time and talents to make Wood County a better place to work, live and reside in. The future of Wood County is bright. There will inevitably be challenges but they are not impossibilities and together, I look forward to growth and prosperity that our future generations will be able to enjoy.

Lindsey Piersol
Executive Director

L.P. Piersol

TRADESHOWS & CONFERENCES

Lindsey and Kate attended the AIS Tech tradeshow in Columbus, OH with the West Virginia Department of Economic Development in May of 2023. They also attended the Fall and Legislative WVEDC conferences.



Fall WVEDC, Blenko Glass Co.

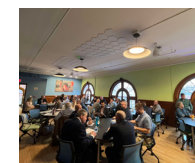
+209
Followers
LinkedIn

+381
FB Likes

SOCIAL
MEDIA
STATS

11
NEW
PWCADC
MEMBERS

12 executive
committee
meetings.



5 full board
meetings.

402 & 406 AVERY

The WCED office purchased 402 Avery Street in June 2024. The previously awarded fiscal year 2022 and 2023 Community Project Funding will be allocated to the remediation of 402 and 406 Avery. Unfortunately due to it's deteriorated condition 406 will be torn down and remediated while 402, the former Civil War Hospital, will be renovated and become the new permanent home for the WCED and Downtown PKB offices.



402 Avery St,
Downtown
Parkersburg

22+
NEW
BUSINESSES

Ribbon
Cutting for
the WVUP
School of
Cosmetology
and Esthetics.



Ribbon
Cutting
for the
Parkersburg
Bridge
Partners.



15
RIBBON
CUTTINGS
& BUSINESS
AFTER HOURS
EVENTS



The
PORT
(Parkersburg
Ohio River
Trail) Ribbon
Cutting at
Point Park.



Ribbon Cutting
for the Southgate
Medical Complex
- Primary Care,
Pediatrics, Podiatry,
and Diagnostics.

AWARDS & HONORS

It was quite a year for awards and honors! Lindsey was the recipient of several well deserved recognitions. She was selected at part of West Virginia Executive's Young Guns Class of 2024, highlighted in the WV State Journal's 40 Under 40 and awarded the Spirit of Downtown award by Downtown PKB.



Kate was also honored to be selected as part of the Leadership West Virginia Class of 2024. She has been attending monthly sessions since May and will graduate in November 2024.

Our office worked
with over 38 leads
and prospective
businesses and
completed over 60
project follow ups.

98+
LEADS
PROSPECTS
& FOLLOWUPS



SOMAR ANNOUNCEMENT

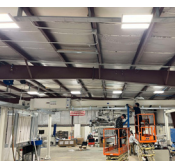
In June of 2024 the WCED helped facilitate an announcement for SOMAR - a new a Japanese manufacturer of epoxy resin for the automotive industry. SOMAR announced an initial investment of \$2.5 million and the manufacturer plans to create 25 jobs initially.



OVU/ITC

The WVU at Parkersburg Foundation purchased the former Ohio Valley University and are in the process of renovating the former Stotts Administration Building into an Innovation and Technology Center to be provided to WVU Parkersburg for academic use. The WVUP Foundation also partnered with the Wood County Development Authority for a development plan for the entire 255.22 acres purchased.

The WCED office was
awarded \$1,250,000
in FY 2024 CPF
jointly from Senator
Capito and Senator
Manchin's offices for
new windows and
doors at the ITC
facility.



SITE READINESS



Athey Site - Mineral Wells, WV

The WCED assisted the MOV Regional Airport in obtaining renderings and a conceptual budget for the potential development of available land.

The State of WV debuted the YesWV site readiness program. Each county was able to submit two sites, both Wood County sites have progressed to phase two.

64+

BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION VISITS

The WCED office met with over 64 businesses this year. Including iTech, ECO USA, Holl's Chocolate, Mister Bee Potato Chips Co., Fasteners & Supply, Biztec, Curry Warehouses, Top Shop and Tri-State/Service.

