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WILSON COUNTY INDUSTRY COUNCIL
Thursday, June 16, 2022
Lebanon Airport, Lebanon, TN

ATTENDING:

Tom Nelson, Performance Foodservice	Joseph Rigney, Rooms to Go
Mike Turturice, Performance Foodservice	Gordon Reed, UT CIS
Rick Bell, Mayor, City of Lebanon	Dale Merritt, MTE
Jake Wisecup, TW Frierson	Don Ellis, Vol State
Marko Eshak, Perma Pipe	Amy Reese, Vulcan Materials
Kim Byard, Perma Pipe	Ginny Lea, Nashville Display
Kimberly Collette, American Wonder Porcelain	Heather Walter, KHS
GC Hixson, JECDB	Sue Holland, Destaco
Brenda Ivette Torres, AMAZON	Jon Thompson, Thompson Elec
Cynthia Van Winkle, Moldex	Adina Chumley, Wilson Works

TOPIC: Employer Resources: Univ. of TN, Center for Industrial Services & Wilson Co. Joint Economic & Community Development Board

- **Mayor Rick Bell, City of Lebanon.** Mayor Bell welcomed employers and guests. He briefly shared his family history in manufacturing. The Mayor explained why Lebanon has invested in the Wilson Works workforce development program to support existing industries and the jobs they provide. He thanked employers for their continued investment in the Lebanon/Wilson Co community.
- **Gordon Reed**, Solutions Consultant, UTCIS: 423-426-2606, Gordon.reed@tennessee.edu, www.cis.tennessee.edu Gordon provided an overview of the programs/benefits available to employers seeking support/advice/consulting on Lean, Workforce, Quality Systems, Supply Chain, Marketing, Industry 4.0, Sustainability and more. See attached document for more information.
- **GC Hixson**, Exec. Director, Wilson County JECDB: 615-443-1210, gchixson@doingbiz.org www.doingbiz.org Provided a review of economic development initiatives in 2021-22 and trends affecting economic development in Tennessee. He also reminded existing industry to contact the JECDB in the event they are expanding operations, adding workforce and making substantial capital investments. In many instances, these expansions may qualify employers for training and/or incentives. Annual report attached.
- **No July meeting, Next Meeting: August, 2022. Time/day TBD.**