



Lake of the Ozarks
Regional Economic Development Council
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On Friday, January 17th, the Lake of the Ozarks Regional Economic Development Council hosted their Annual Meeting at State Fair Community College in Osage Beach. Providing the keynote address was Kristie Davis, Director of Missouri One Start, a division of the Missouri Department of Economic Development. Throughout her presentation, she highlighted success of the state's economic development efforts in 2024 and provided a positive outlook for sustained economic growth in the lake region and beyond. LOREDC President Harrison Fry presented the organization's 2024 annual report and shared with the nearly 70 attendees work done in regional marketing, government relations, business retention and expansion, and a commitment to further developing the organization in its 20th year and beyond.

Outgoing members of LOREDC's Board of Directors Kelly Miller (Central Ozarks Medical Center) and Jeff Verneti (State Representative) were recognized for their tenure with the organization. Heather Brown (Lake of the Ozarks CVB) and Andy Dunlap (Central Bank) were re-elected to the Board of Directors, with Dr. Jill Durnin (Lake Career and Technical Center) elected to serve in her first term.

Later in the meeting, several businesses and individuals from Miller, Morgan, and Camden Counties were recognized for their efforts in developing our region in a number of areas. The 2024 LOREDC Impact Awards were presented to the following:

- Infrastructure Investment – Ramboldt Excavating. Also nominated were Ameren Missouri and CO-MO Connect.
- Quality of Life Enhancement – Central Ozarks Medical Center. Also nominated were the City of Osage Beach and Lowe's (Dog Park), Oasis at Lakeport, and OATS Transit.
- Workforce Development – State Fair Community College. Also nominated were K.C. Cloke and Lake Career and Technical Center.
- Housing Development – JCM Ventures. Also nominated were Tony Otto, SR & JR Investments, and Ron Yarbrough.
- Retention and Expansion – Quaker Windows and Doors. Also nominated were Central Ozarks Medical Center, Gates Corporation, and Ozark Fisheries.
- Community Champion – Amy and Cory Dunn. Also nominated were Matt Davis, Harrison Fry, Leah Martin, and Donna Swall.

LOREDC welcomes and encourages anyone interested in promoting regional economic development for our area to contact a member of the Board of Directors or visit loredc.com for information on how to become involved.