



Our mission is to attract, retain, and grow business and jobs in the Long Prairie Area.

## Agenda

### **LPEDA Meeting Agenda: 4:30 PM, September 20, 2023**

Zoom or in person meeting @ City Hall

**Current Executive Board Members:** Chair- Terri Jo Peery, Vice Chair- Dallas Nelson, Secretary– Mary Schmidt

**Board Members:** David Wright, Bob Klick, Kevin Berrios, Amber Ellerson

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Review/Approve Meeting Minutes - August 2023**
5. **Financial Report – balance**
6. **Old business**
  - a. Update on Childcare Center- Rick
  - b. Update on DEED Main Street Revitalization Grant
  - c. Banners on Main Street
  - d. Community Center discussion – survey take 1
  - e. Business appreciation breakfast – Date, food?? Dan’s Prize?? Central Bi – Mike Terwey??
7. **New business**
  - a. Southwest Industrial Park discussion - plans
8. **Next meeting Date and Time October, 18 2023 CANCELLED- on vacation 4:30 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.)**
9. **Other**
10. **Adjourn**

### **2023 LPEDA Goals accomplished.**

Flowers on Central

Community Center visits: Paynesville

### **2023 LPEDA Goals for the LPEDA - Future Goals, projects and Ideas**

Banners for Central Avenue, HWY 27, HWY 71

Community Center planning- Visits

- ✓ ONGOING- [www.longprairie.net](http://www.longprairie.net) website upkeep and articles
- ✓ ONGOING- Discuss the future of the Southwest Industrial park - Promote & Advertise for the Southwest Industrial park on Chamber FB page and other sources
- ✓ ONGOING- Continue keeping comprehensive list of available buildings/business real estate - posting it on LOIS
- ✓ ONGOING- Initiative Foundation Child Care Solutions grant allocation and continuing to partner with various businesses in finding solutions to Day Care issues.

✓ **ONGOING DEED Main Street Revitalization Grant : includes "Main Street Corridor"**

### **2022 LPEDA Goals accomplished**

- ✓ Revised by-laws, Chair- Vice Chair & stabilized EDA commissioner membership
- ✓ Seasonal Décor ordered – 42 pole decorations
- ✓ Welcome Signs renovated on HWY 287, 27 and new sign design approved for HWY 71 S & Lake Charlotte sign- passed by City Council June 2022. HWY 71 S and Lake Charlotte were hung up in July 2022
- ✓ SRTS- 9<sup>th</sup> Street N by Cenex- lines for a shoulder on both sides of the street all the way to the LPGE HS - Crosswalk repainted on HWY27
- ✓ Final applications for 16 projects submitted and agreement documents sent for DEED Main Street Revitalization Grant : includes "Main Street Corridor"

### **2021 LPEDA Goals accomplished**

- ✓ Advertised for the Southwest Industrial park and an article was written about it
  - IQ magazine ad - 3 x
  - Golden Shovel article- SOUTHWEST INDUSTRIAL PARK PATIENTLY AWAITS SUITORS:  
<https://www.longprairie.net/news/p/item/33419/southwest-industrial-park-patiently-awaits-suitors>  
[www.longprairie.org](http://www.longprairie.org)
  - Chamber & FB page shared article
- ✓ Creating a comprehensive list of available buildings/business real estate - posting it on LOIS

- ✓ Revised by-laws, establish mission and stabilize group membership.
- ✓ Initiative Foundation Child Care Solutions grant - \$10,000 - \$5,000 grant for Trinity Learning Center's Infant care room/s & \$2,500 for Jill Hanson at LPGE - Work based learning certification in order to continue with a CDA program and work program
- ✓ Nonprofit Board Basics Workshop (virtual) attended by board members: Mary S, Bob K, Terri Jo P and Lu on November 18, 2021 - sponsored by Sourcewell & Initiative Foundation

### **2020 LPEDA Goals accomplished**

- ✓ City/EDA website with Golden Shovel- launched in July 2020.
- ✓ Initiative Foundation Child Care Solutions grant matching funds & disbursement of \$11,500 end of July.

#### - Projects for LPEDA:

- Downtown Vision Plan and short-term priorities that can be accomplished with little effort
- New businesses and housing options in town
- Bike trail – Lu shared google drive document folder – see link below  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1q5iFNsAsCyxYu670IP8OSWTyBwDMclqw?usp=sharing>
- Safe Routes to Schools- Safer streets - continue
- Vitality of community, good schools, parks and recreation and opportunities for spouse. Click on link for project possibilities:  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xOrrbQdIPUSmyK2uybrLpsjFrds\\_k9vtVRVhUSgBobY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xOrrbQdIPUSmyK2uybrLpsjFrds_k9vtVRVhUSgBobY/edit?usp=sharing)
- Comprehensive Plan updates
- Hiring a FT EDA director. May not be an option for 5 years due to debts that must be paid off.
- Southwest Industrial park

## LPEDA Goals

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**\$493,000 Main Street Revitalization Grant : 28 projects (3 years to finish)**

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