



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

Agenda

LPEDA Meeting Agenda: 4:30 PM, December 15, 2021

Zoom or in person meeting @ City Hall

Current Executive Board Members: President– Lauren Hebert, VP– Terri Jo Peery, Secretary– Mary Schmidt

Board Members: Dallas Nelson, David Wright, Bob Klick

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes of November 2021**
- 5. Financial Report - balance**
- 6. Old business**
 - a. Update on Downtown Building vacancies & architect
 - b. Hart Building business incubator initiative- Facade repair
 - c. Prairie Foods building – on hold- vacation
 - d. Sourcewell - Board training – report & ideas
 - e. Powerpoint (Downtown)
- 7. New business**
 - a. Moving forward- other ideas- Ice Rink
 - b. Revisit list of goals and accomplishments
- 8. Next meeting Date and Time January 19, 2022 4:30 (3rd Wed.)**
- 9. Other**
- 10. Adjourn**

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.

2021 LPEDA Goals accomplished

- ✓ Revise by-laws, establish mission and stabilize group membership.
- ✓ 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
 - Chamber & FB page shared article
- ✓ Creating a comprehensive list of available buildings/business real estate - posting it on LOIS
- ✓ 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

2021 LPEDA Goals for the LPEDA - Future Goals, projects and Ideas

- ✓ ONGOING- 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.
- ✓ Prairie Foods building – planning and researching best use of the building
- ✓ Hart Mall - grant for capitol renovations- providing assistance and guidance w/ the City
 - Projects for LPEDA:
 - Welcome signs, seasonal décor- see page 3-10 on Long Prairie Projects Powerpoint
 - 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/1q5iFNsAsCyxYu670IP8OSWTyBwDMclq?usp=sharing>

- Safe Routes to Schools- Safer streets- see email attachment
- 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
- Comprehensive Plan updates
- Hiring a FT EDA director. May not be an option for 5 years due to debts that must be paid off.