



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

Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order by Pres. Lauren H. at 4:28 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call was taken with the following present: Lauren H., Terri Jo P., Mary S., David W., Bob K. Lu B. was also in attendance as was Rick Utech from TCDC.
4. Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed with a motion by Bob K., second by David W., to approve. All members approved minutes on a voice vote.

5. Financial Report was shared. Balance is \$99,763.95. Expenses will not need to be approved monthly going forward. The City Council budgeted their yearly amount of \$32,000 to the EDA.

6. In Old Business, Rick did an update from the TCDC on the Grant Process that began 1/19/21 and continues through 2/19/21. There are changes in qualifying for loans, now must have a 20% loss in gross income to be considered. Rick is willing to answer questions and there have been 37 applications thus far. Advertising has been done in county newspapers. Lu reported that the feature article on the Industrial Park with history and quotes is now on the website, on Facebook and in the LP Leader. Also, the ad for the spring issue with the Initiative Foundation will be paid for by three local banks, each donating \$225. This will be available in May. David read a Mayor Jodi Dixon report with comments on the Southwest Industrial Park and clean-up on Central Avenue. Also, information on the Winter Fest planned for Saturday, January 20 was shared. It will take place at Harmony and Riverside Parks and will include snow sculpting and ice skating. Jodi suggested that LP EDA members bring questions to the next meeting to be answered by the EDA Directors from Staples and Wadena who will be attending our next meeting.

7. Several changes to the EDA By-Laws were noted (4.2, 4.3 and 4.5). Motion made by Mary S., second by Bob K., and approved by all members to send these changes to the City Council for approval at their March 1, 2021 meeting.

8. Brief discussion regarding the Mission Statement of the EDA. Decision made to leave as is, believing that simple is best.

9. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 4:30 PM.
10. Meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM.

Submitted by Mary Schmidt, Secretary