



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

Minutes

January 20, 2021

1. Meeting was called to order by Pres. Lauren H. at 4:30 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call was taken with the following present: Lauren H., Terri Jo P., Mary S., Dallas N., David W., Bob K. Lu B. was also in attendance as well as Rick Utech from TCDC.
4. Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed with a motion by Bob K., second by Terri Jo P., to approve. All members approved minutes.
5. Financial report was shared. Balance is \$86,996.81. Four invoices were approved: 2 to LPCC for \$2326.04 and one each to XS Consulting and to Golden Shovel. Motion made by Terri Jo and seconded by Mary to approve. All approved. as of 1/1/2021, the LPEDA Financial Report will be coming from the city of Long Prairie.
6. In Old Business, Rick U. shared that LPEDA has made a \$2500 yearly donation to the TCDC in the past. Bob motioned, Mary seconded and all approved to make this same donation for this year. Rick also shared that \$472,000 in grants has been issued to the city of Long Prairie.

Lu continued with Old Business sharing that the LP Church website is now available with a couple changes and the Industrial Park story is now posted. This story has also been sent to the LP Leader for publication. Discussion followed on advertising in the Initiative Foundation publication. The cost is \$1575 for two editions including the ad design which we can keep. Considerable discussion followed with a motion from Terri Jo and second from Bob to commit to IQ for City Council approval to appoint an Ad Hoc committee to prepare an ad and to proceed with advertising in the IQ. Roll Call vote as follows: Lauren (yes), Terri Jo (yes), Mary (yes), Dallas (no), David (yes), Bob (no). Motion carried. This will be presented to the City Council at the Feb. 1, 2021 meeting.
- 6c. Welcome extended to new members of the commissions, Dallas Nelson and David Wright. Dallas and David introduced themselves as did all members of the commission.
- 6e. Update on banking arrangement was restated and it was decided to look at LPEDA Mission Statement and purpose at a future meeting.

A brief explanation followed regarding LOIS (available buildings for sale) and these include Mikey's Restaurant, the SAVE Building and Hometown Furniture. All other Project Ideas will need to be discussed at a future meeting. Suggestion was made to have Dallas and David bring ideas of projects they would like to have the commission work on to the next meeting. The EDA Directors from Staples and Wadena will be asked to join us virtually for our February meeting.

7. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 17 at 4:30 PM.

8. Motion was made to adjourn at 5:41 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mary Schmidt, Secretary