



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

Agenda

LPEDA Meeting Agenda: 4:30 PM, November 17, 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 October 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 – See attached photos/floor plan
 - Little Falls and Montevideo- Lu
 - Sauk Centre – Mary
 - d. Sourcewell - Board training (see below) TOMORROW
 - e. Additional ideas- Mary & Lu- visit to St. James
- 7. New business**
 - a. Powerpoint (HWY 71 & Downtown)
 - b. Moving forward- other ideas- Ice Rink
- 8. Next meeting Date and Time December 15, 2021 4:30 (3rd Wed.)**
- 9. Other**
- 10. Adjourn**

Nonprofit Board Basics Workshop (virtual)

Date: November 18, 2021 from 3:30– 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person Registration link coming soon!

This training will provide foundational information about board governance and leadership. If you are new to a nonprofit board or need to brush up your knowledge about nonprofit board roles and responsibilities - this training is for you.

We will provide: Basic obligations of a board member

****Board's role in governance & Best practices for board members in meetings and beyond**

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

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.
 - 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/1q5iFNsAsCyxYu670IP8OSWtyBwDMclqW?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.