



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

Agenda

LPEDA Meeting Agenda: 4:30 PM, October 20, 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 September 2021**
- 5. Financial Report - balance**
- 6. Old business**
 - a. Update on Downtown Building vacancies & grant opportunities
 - b. Hart Building business incubator initiative
- 7. New business**
 - a. Prairie Foods building – See attached ideas
 - b. Sourcewell - Board training (see below)
 - c. Other ideas- Mary's experience and new ideas from her webinar in May/June
- 8. Next meeting Date and Time November 17, 2021 4:30 (3rd Wed.)**
- 9. Other**
- 10. Adjourn**

Nonprofit Board Basics Workshop (virtual)

Date: November 18, 2021

Time: 3:30– 5:30 p.m.

Where: Online

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

Co -sponsored by the Initiative Foundation and Sourcewell

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

This training will be interactive with an opportunity to connect with other board members and/or staff.

We realize that a long list of topics for nonprofit board trainings exists, to ensure expectations are understood, we want to share with you what the training *will not* address:

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI)
- Board Assessment Strategies
- Advanced Financial Oversight or Analysis
- Interpersonal Topics – relationships between board members, board chair and CEO relationship, etc.
- Board Recruitment

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.