



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

## Agenda

### **LPEDA Meeting Agenda: 4:30 PM, September 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 June 2021**
- 5. Financial Report - balance**
- 6. Old business**
  - a. Report on City/EDA website- Golden Shovel (Luan)- EDA feature- Parks & Recreation in Long Prairie, EV Charger – NEXT article about the new LP Police chief etc.
  - b. Child Care update - Rick Utech & Luan – see red under 2021 LEDA Goals accomplished
  - c. Update on Downtown Building vacancies & grant opportunities
- 7. New business**
  - a. Guest speaker- Monica Segura-Schwartz from the LEDC- Latino Economic Development Center. She will be speaking about her role with the LEDC and her engagement with the two Latino business owners, who have purchased the Opera house & Hometown.
  - b. Hart Building business incubator initiative- John Peters presenting
  - c. Advertising request for the Southwest Industrial Park - IQ magazin
  - d. Other ideas- Mary's experience and new ideas from her webinar in May/June
- 8. Next meeting Date and Time October 20, 2021 4:30 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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
  - 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](http://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](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.