

SUMMARY of the December 18 Meeting of the LPEDA – There was no quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM by Chair Terri Jo Peery. Due to the lack of quorum, the group discussed the points on the agenda, but none were voted on during the meeting.

Present: Kevin Berrios, Terri Jo Peery, Lu Thomas- Brunkhorst and Melissa Wyman

Guests: Dustin Wagner (EDA candidate) and Mikki Czech

Summary of the October meeting was reviewed.

Financial report shows a balance of \$36,463.67.

In Old Business, Melissa shared updates on the ChildCare pods. Melissa and Lu met with the Todd County commissioners and set goals for getting ready for the DEED grant which comes out approximately in September 2025. The county will be looking into the cost of being the landlord of the Child Care pods. Bob Byers and Jackie Bauer will be contacting Stevens County with Denise Gaida to talk about the budget. We can apply to Sourcewell for funds in 2025. We did not get the Capacity Grant for housing, but we will be looking into other funding for housing study. Small Cities grant 2025 can be used to improve or beautify housing, commercial space. We will work with Dustin at CMNHP. Preliminary application due in September. Application April 2026.

In New Business, Dustin Wagner may be applying for the EDA position. Lu will continue to advertise. The LPEDA & LPACC contract will be sent for approval from the City Council. Lu has a basic Strategic Plan to guide her into the new year.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33pm

Summary submitted by Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst (EDA director)