

Minutes of the February 2024 Meeting of the LPEDA

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair Terri Jo at 4:30 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited
3. Roll Call was taken with the following present: Terri Jo, Dallas, Mary, David, Bob. Absent were: Kevin and Amber.
4. On a motion by Dallas, second by Mary, the minutes of the January 2024 meeting were approved.
5. Financial Report was shared with a reported balance of \$51,796.
6. In Old Business, Rick was present with a report on the Childcare Center – There is \$200,000 reserved from the county and a grant from the state would be helpful, however, the deadline of March 2 will not be possible so we will wait for the second deadline date in December for the second round of funding. Also noted that the SW Industrial Park location could or would be an in kind donation for a site. Rick also noted that the new TCDC Coordinator will be Melissa Wyman from the Staples EDA. She will be invited to join us for the March or April LPEDA meeting. Lu offered an update on the DEED grant and that progress continues. The new banners need City Council approval and the clock on Central Ave. needs to be working. In regards to the housing development, American Food Group has withdrawn their request for abatement. The Enterprise Academy begins on March 9 for 8 Saturdays from 8-5 PM with bi-lingual classes and grants for established businesses.
7. In New Business, The Golden Shovel update info was shared. Bob motioned with a second from Dallas to approve a maximum of ¼ of cost for the \$10,000 drone video. City Council will pay \$5,000-6,000. In the SW Industrial Park, three lots have been sold to ECP.
8. There was a brief review of goals for 2024 for EDA.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 5:31 PM
10. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 4:30

Minutes submitted by Mary Schmidt, EDA Secretary