



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

Agenda

LPEDA Meeting Agenda: 4:30 PM, January 17, 2024

Zoom or in person meeting @ City Hall

Current Executive Board Members: Chair- Terri Jo Peery, Vice Chair- Dallas Nelson, Secretary– Mary Schmidt

Board Members: David Wright, Bob Klick, Kevin Berrios, Amber Ellerson

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Review/Approve Meeting Minutes – December 2023**
5. **Financial Report – balance**
6. **Old business**
 - a. Update on Childcare Center & discussion about NEW TCDC coordinator and increase LPEDA funding for TCDC – Rick - see attached document
 - b. Update on DEED Main Street Revitalization Grant
 - c. Banner - one more tweak then they will be approved by City Council
 - d. Housing development update – Tax abatement
 - e. Southwest Industrial Park discussion - plans- ECP & Child Care lot?
7. **New business**
 - a. Membership questions
Section 2.1. Membership. The Authority consists of a governing body of seven (7) up to nine (9) commissioners, of whom two (2) must be members of the City Council. All commissioners shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the City Council. Membership can serve two consecutive three year terms for a total of 6 years. The terms of the commissioners who are City Council members shall coincide with their term of office as members of the City Council.
 - b. Enterprise Academy & Business Classes offered by Initiative Foundation
[Business class offerings](#)
8. **Next meeting Date and Time February 15, 2024, 4:30(3rd Wed.)**
9. **Other**
10. **Adjourn**

2024 LPEDA Goals - Future Goals, projects and Ideas

- Complete and hang banners for Central Avenue & HWY 71
- Community Center planning- Visits
- ✓ ONGOING- www.longprairie.net website upkeep and articles
- ✓ ONGOING- Discuss the future of the Southwest Industrial park - 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.
- ✓ ONGOING -Monitor and support the Main Street Revitalization grant recipients- 28 projects - \$493,000 total (30% of project totals)

2023 LPEDA Goals accomplished.

- ✓ Flowers on Central
- ✓ Community Center visits: Paynesville
- ✓ 1st phase: Main Street Revitalization grant November start - 28 projects - \$493,000 total (30% of project totals)

2023 LPEDA Goals for the LPEDA - Future Goals, projects and Ideas

- Banners for Central Avenue, HWY 27, HWY 71
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2022 LPEDA Goals accomplished

- ✓ Revised by-laws, Chair- Vice Chair & stabilized EDA commissioner membership
- ✓ Seasonal Décor ordered – 42 pole decorations
- ✓ Welcome Signs renovated on HWY 287, 27 and new sign design approved for HWY 71 S & Lake Charlotte sign- passed by City Council June 2022. HWY 71 S and Lake Charlotte were hung up in July 2022
- ✓ SRTS- 9th Street N by Cenex- lines for a shoulder on both sides of the street all the way to the LPGE HS - Crosswalk repainted on HWY27
- ✓ Final applications for 16 projects submitted and agreement documents sent for DEED Main Street Revitalization Grant : includes “Main Street Corridor”

2021 LPEDA Goals accomplished

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Revised by-laws, establish mission and stabilize group membership.
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Nonprofit Board Basics Workshop (virtual) attended by board members: Mary S, Bob K, Terri Jo P and Lu on November 18, 2021 - sponsored by Sourcewell & Initiative Foundation

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.
- Projects for LPEDA:
- 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 - continue
 - Vitality of community, good schools, parks and recreation and opportunities for spouse. Click on link for project possibilities:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xOrrbQdlPUSmyK2uybrLpsjFrds_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.
 - Southwest Industrial park

LPEDA Goals

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- ✓ **ONGOING DEED Main Street Revitalization Grant**