

Minutes of LPEDA Meeting of April 17, 2024

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:33 PM by Chair Terri Jo.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll call was taken with the following present: Terri Jo, Mary and Bob. The following were absent: Dallas, David, Kevin and Amber. Lu and Rick were also in attendance, as was Melissa Wyman.
4. Upon review, the minutes of the March 2024 meeting were accepted.
5. The financial report was shared with a balance of \$71,129.30
6. In Old Business, Rick introduced Melissa, new TCDC Director and she shared some info about herself, family, etc. Rick, Terri Jo and Lu shared news on Childcare Center. We need property to build and the county did not keep money for the project. We learned that 15% of the Industrial Park can be used for Daycare. There was no update on the DEED Grant. There are 28 projects that got grants. Regarding the video banner, there is a meeting scheduled for April 18. The hanging banners will be ordered after a final check on quality. The city approved \$4,000 to refurbish the downtown clock. In the Enterprise Academy, there are 13 students, 12 are Latino. They will hold graduation on May 11 at the River of Life Church. There will be a Business Class offering on May 14 at the Hart Mall at 6 pm. Jeff Wig (?) from IF will present.
7. In New Business, Lu reported that she will drop off the baskets on April 18 to be filled for downtown and they will be up by May 26. Lu also shared information from the conference she attended in Owatonna and the major revamping of the downtown area that was done there at a cost of \$5M. There is money available from Blandin for city downtown improvements.
8. The next meeting of the LPEDA will be held on Wednesday, May 15 at 4:30 pm.
9. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Mary Schmidt, LPEDA Secretary