

Minutes of the LPEDA Meeting for Feb 2025

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair Terri Jo Peery.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call was taken with the following present: Chair- Terri Jo Peery, Lilah Gripne, Dustin Wagner, Kevin Berrios also Lu and Melissa from TCDC. Absent : Dallas Nelson, Mary Schmidt
4. The minutes of the January 2025 meeting were reviewed and on a motion by Lilah and second by Kevin, the minutes were approved.
5. Financial Report was shared with a balance of **\$28,670.04**.
6. In Old Business: Small Cities grant was discussed. Melissa and Lu will be meeting with Dustin at CMNHP to talk about housing data collection before applying for the grant in September 2025.

Lu updated the group on the NEW model for Childcare. Turnkey Childcare house <https://businessofchildcare.com/child-care-house/> Tricia and Jeff Andrews are in discussion with the TCDC and LPEDA about their Childcare House model. They have a design for the SW Industrial Park. There would be 6 houses in a mini-village. The cost would be about the same as the 6 pod childcare system. Questions were asked about insurance cost, heating and whether childcare providers would live in the unit. Lu and Melissa are meeting with the two tomorrow.

An update on Main Street Revitalization was shared. Rafael De la Cruz is waiting to hear back from Irene Ruiz-Briseno who will be reviewing Rafael's grant application with two boards. Rafael will receive notification next Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Southwest Industrial park: The Todd County Vet Clinic will be purchasing the land in front of the Incubator building. The Incubator Building only has one dock area left to rent. MN Fresh has one and Prairie View Diesel Repair has two docks.

The Comprehensive Plan is available for review till March 31st. It is on the LP website: <https://www.longprairie.net/news/p/item/61504/comprehensive-plan-draft-available-view-here!>

Everyone has homework- take one or two sections and review the draft; bring suggestions.

7. In New Business:

Announcement: City Hours have changed - 6 months trial period

The LPGE Career Fair is taking place March 29, 2025.

8. On a motion by Lilah, with second by Terri Jo, the meeting was adjourned.
9. Next meeting of the LPEDA will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 4:30 PM