

Minutes of the May 2025 Meeting of the LPEDA

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair Terri Jo at 4:35 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call was taken with the following present: Terri Jo, Mary, Kevin and Dustin. Lu and Melissa were also in attendance. Lilah and Dallas were absent.
4. On a motion by Dustin and second by Mary, the minutes of the March 2025 meeting were approved.
5. The LPEDA account balance is reported at \$21, 744.90.
6. In Old Business, report was shared that the Child Care Initiative did not receive the \$50,000 grant. They will reapply for a \$20,000 matching grant from the COMPEER Fund. Regarding the Small Cities Grant from CMHD, the director is moving out of the country so this is on hold. It was noted that Staples has received grants from this agency three times. LP is identified for the next cycle in June. For the Downtown DEED project, there are 7 projects to be completed. Noted that the Laundramat in the Brent Lenz building was done without a permit while the one planned in the Opera Building has a permit. For the Southwest Industrial Park update, we learned that the ECP proposal has been sent to the city to use TIF monies. There is a Todd Wadena Loan available for \$1M. The Career Fair was successful with another event scheduled for fall.
7. In New Business, the Todd County Comp Plan 2025 has been sent out for review. In Housing issues, the city would like to develop a Rental Code. Steve Jones, a Sourcewell Consultant, could assist with this project. At present there is no local building official in LP. Noted that LP is very short staffed in city offices compared to other cities of similar size.
8. The next meeting was scheduled for July 16, 2025 but was later changed to August 20, 2025.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mary Schmidt, LPEDA Secretary