

- 1. The January 2026 LPEDA meeting was called to order by Chair Terri Jo Peery.**
- 2. Roll Call was taken with the following present: Terri Jo, Mary, Lilah and Dustin. Absent were Dallas and Kevin. Also in attendance were Lu and Leah from TCDC.**
- 3. The minutes of the December 2025 meeting were read and approved.**
- 4. The LPEDA Account Balance is currently \$55,200.**
- 5. In Old Business, there was an update shared on the Business of Childcare with information on facilities in Stevens County (Morris), Wadena, Mapleton and Alexandria. There was also some info shared regarding the possibility of returning to Trinity Church for a Childcare facility. In the Small Cities Grant, we are in the second level application round.**
- 6. In New Business, there was a Networking Event held in LP on January 29 on Solar for your Home and Business in Todd County. This was funded by MN Power and the Initiative Foundation. The meal was provided by the Dominican Restaurant. There is a Community Education sponsored tour of the American Food Group (Packing Plant) Facility on Friday, March 20. The Career Fair at LPGE HS was held on March 27. The event this year will only be for our local high school students with no neighboring schools attending.**
- 7. The next meeting of the LPEDA was scheduled for March 18, however, the meeting was rescheduled to April 1, 2026, due to conflicts.**
- 8. Meeting was adjourned by 5:25 PM.**

**Minutes submitted by Mary Schmidt, LPEDA Secretary**