

The mission of the Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote Chamber members while enhancing the livability and connectedness of the community.

Minutes : Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

Current Executive Board Members: Chair- Josiah Tonder, Vice Chair- Jeremiah Zahnow, Secretary- Clara Vancura, Treasurer- Denita Wisniewski

Board Members: Todd Ecker, Andy Otremba, Micki Czech, Amy Allen

Board Members in attendance: Jermiah Z, Clara V, Denita W, Todd E, Attending after approval of minutes: Micki via Zoom and Amy

Guest: Chris Amundson

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 – Monthly MEETING 03:30 PM @ CITY HALL

MEETING

1-Call to Order/Roll Call: 3:30pm

2- Approval of agenda : motion made by Clara as currently written, second by Todd, motion carried unanimously.

3- Approval of Minutes: motion made by Todd to approve minutes with no changes, second by Denita, motion carried unanimously with one abstention (Chris A).

4- Financial Report: motion made by Denita, second by Todd, motion carried unanimously.

5- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members:

Valley View Estates; joined again this month

Luna Country Foods plans to join the chamber, Lu is planning on stopping by after networking meeting tomorrow in Browerville

6- Director's Report- Facebook- June/July new followers **54**



RIBBON CUTTING IN BROWERVILLE: Humberto & Lorena Luna purchased Steve's Country Store from Steve & Son...

September 20 at 10:50 AM · 🌐

Post Impressions ⓘ

7,200

Post reach ⓘ

7,138

Post Engagement ⓘ

2,742

Webpage- Featuring our Own- **MSR Final Grant projects**

7- Old Business

- a. Event updates: Networking events-
 - a. ITEN Funeral home – 9/28/23 in AM
 - i. Todd, Denita and tentatively Amy
 - b. Manufacturer's Breakfast - event sponsored by the EDA

- i. Had reached out to Central Bi-Products - declined, Jenkins Iron and Steel – no response, Dan’s Prize - declined
 - ii. Waiting to hear back from ECP
 - iii. Other option would be to invite all daycare providers for an evening as appreciation as well as round table
 - c. Halloween Trick or Treat
 - i. October 31st
 - d. Arts & Crafts Show
 - e. Career Fair
 - i. Have obtained survey’s back from the school in September not leaving enough time for business’s to attend.
 - ii. Postponed until March 8th 2024
- b. New board members:
 - a. Motion made by Clara to add Chris to the LPACC board, second by Todd, motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Please send Lu your suggestions for board members or feel free to approach them and ask them to join us.
- c. MSR grant and Banners update
 - a. 28 projects will be funded
 - b. Projects will start before November 20th and will be completed within the next three years
- d. Tourism Funding
 - a. Need a quote to send to the tourism bord for the next year.
 - b. Previous funding provided by the City of LP was \$2,600 for the past year to the LPACC to provide assistance with marketing and the LPACC continues to provide community events to bring more tourism into the city of long prairie.
 - c. Motion made by Clara to send below quote to the City of Long Prairie, second by Jeremiah, motion carries unanimously
 - i. Allow payment to the chamber for the upcoming 2023 Arts and Crafts Show marketing expenses and prior expenses accrued from previous tourism enabling events including but not limited to Prairie Days and MS Tram in below amounts.
 - ii. \$2,500 for Arts and Craft Fair
 - iii. \$2,500 for Prairie Days
 - iv. \$500 for MS tram send to next city council meeting.
 - d. Will still need to review budget and quote to send for the next year

8- New Business

- a. Extras:
 - a. Community Garden
 - i. Cost issue with continued repairs needing to be made to the water infrastructure
 - ii. 1/3 of garden plots are currently used
 - iii. \$35 per plot
 - iv. Next meeting review with our core values and discuss options for the garden in the future.
 - b. Outdoor Rink
 - i. City does not want to be responsible for it due to the work involved
 - ii. Main care taker of the outdoor rink is not wanting to continue

- iii. Need to find additional volunteers to help with upkeep and maintenance of the ice
- c. WAVE
 - i. New partnerships in the works through DEED and the Library
 - d. Tourism efforts – review next meeting
- b. Setting Goals for the year – review next meeting

9- Adjourn 4:38pm

Our Core Values :

- ❖ Promoting and connecting Chamber Members
- ❖ Information and Resource Hub
- ❖ Community enhancement

NEED TO RENEW:

AJ Peters Consulting	204.00	\$204.00
Daybreak Foods	463.60	\$463.60
Griff's Pizza	278.00	\$278.00
Staples Area Men's Chorus	78.00	\$78.00
Todd County Council on Aging	78.00	\$78.00
Venis Apiaries LLC	220.00	\$220.00
Wolves Youth Wrestling	78.00	\$78.00