

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

AGENDA : Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

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

Board Members: Todd Ecker, Andy Otremba, Chris Amundson, Micki Czech, Amy Allen, Toby Polkinhorne

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 – Monthly MEETING 03:30 PM @ City Hall

MEETING

1-Call to Order/Roll Call

2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions

3- Approval of Minutes, additions

4- Financial Report – Decision about November CD's

5- Presentations:

6- Director's Report- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members – **Ona's Alterations LLC**

7- Old Business

- a. Chamber/Tourism Event reports & updates:
 - Networking events – NONE in November next in December – Alex Tech**
 - October – LPEDA & TCDC - report - Business Appreciation
 - Manufacturers' Breakfast – Central Bi
 - Halloween Trick or Treat – report**
 - Bright Light festivities – coming soon**
 - Arts & Craft show – t-shirts & concessions**
 - Prairie Days dates – SAVE THE DATE – support meeting- Set date – December**
- b. Tourism update: Tourism video – done & Tourism membership? Discuss quarterly payment to the Chamber.
- c. Job position for Danniela Chavez's - What can she do in the winter?

8- New Business

- a. Phil Gould is retiring. Discuss Budget meeting and plan moving forward
- b. New members recruitment
- c. DECEMBER meeting - December 25th – change to December 18th – January meeting Annual

9- Adjourn Our Core Values :

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

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2024 Strategic Goals

1. Increase Chamber Membership
 - a. Secure **10** new members in either Long Prairie or the surrounding area.
 - b. Show non-members the value of membership by introducing them to the Chamber Website, Facebook page and Membership Benefits flyer.
2. Retain Current Membership –
 - a. Make members feel valued by visiting and calling. Focus on connecting with at least 5 dormant members each month to check-in and remind them of the available membership benefits.
On going
 - b. Promote and share business events and content via the chamber website, Facebook, Networking events, radio, emails etc.
On going
3. Brand the LPACC as the information Hub of Long Prairie
 - a. Send out **Bi-weekly** emails utilizing direct links for advertisements and events.
On going
 - b. Update the chamber website monthly to ensure it is an efficient and effective way to connect the community with resources
On going
4. Organize Community Development Opportunities
 - a. Facilitate a minimum of 3 classes/workshops per year on various topics. Events can be either in person or virtual.
5. Budget
 - a. Establish a budget committee to meet quarterly to discuss financials.
 - b. Ensure community events are budgeted in the positive.