

Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

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Current Executive Board Members:

Chair: Jodi Dixon, Vice Chair- Jeremiah Zahnow, Secretary/Treasurer- Denita Wisniewski

Board Members: Tara Stanek, Todd Ecker, Andy Otremba, Chris Amundson, Teresa Sorenson

4th Wednesday of the month, August 26, 2026 –MEETING 03:30 PM @ CITY HALL

MEETING

1-Call to Order/Roll Call:

2- Approval of agenda/additions/deletions & minutes

3- Financial Report – Financials - CD Renewals & donations

4- Introduction of new Community/Chamber Members: Central Lakes College

5- Director's Report-

6- Old Business

a. Chamber Event reports & updates:

- Networking events

Report - July: Todd County Transfer Station

August 27: Christie House Museum

September: MN Power

October: LPEDA & TCDC – Manufacturers' Breakfast - LP Packing

November 18: LPGE

December 16: Open house

2027 January: Todd County Historical Society??

Chamber organized events:

Summer Concerts- Reports

Updates & Fundraising: Totals

b. A-Z Chamber visits: LPCC, LP Leader, Benning Printing, Chandler Industries

c. REMINDER: 1.2 Million - Central Bi meeting & Health and Human Services

- Please fill out the NEW Survey

d. Career Fair – October 13

e. OPEN Conversation

7- New Business

a. Inviting general public to meetings- flyer

b. OTHER?

c.

8- Adjourn Our Core Values:

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

NEXT MEETINGS: Sept 23, Oct 28, Nov 18 (early due to Thanksgiving), Dec 16 (due to Xmas)

Welcome New 2026 Chamber Members!

Garden of Love/Jardín de Amor

GoTacos

J Brothers Mechanical Plus

La Dulcería by Jenny

Mediqwest- Central MN

Midnight Grove Marketing, LLC

Todd County Historical Society & Museum

Vitality Living of Long Prairie

Viva Restaurant & Bar

Central Lakes College

Membership Benefits

- Promotion via Facebook,
- Electronic Sign on HWY 71 & Email

- Free website & FB job listings
- Newspaper announcement of your NEW membership
- Monthly Networking Opportunities
- Phone Referrals
- Bi-Weekly emails: Chamber News, Upcoming Events
- Membership Certificate and decal
- Chamber Bucks promotion- Keep it local
- Online Membership Directory
- Member brochure, business cards and flyer display in office lobby
- Career/Job Fairs and other employee search and retention programs
- No cost participation in Trick or Treat

Community Benefits

The Chamber organizes and fundraises for the following events & initiatives:

- Monthly Networking
- Prairie Days
- Latino Festival
- Career Fair
- Community Gardens
- Downtown Flowers & Deco
- Harmony Park trees & scrubs
- City Wide Garage Sales
- Homecoming Parade float prizes
- Halloween Trick or Treat
- Bright Light Festivities
- Arts & Craft Show
- Outdoor Rink
- Public Forums

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2026 Strategic Goals

1. Increase Chamber Membership
 - a. Secure 15 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.
 - b. Promote and share business events and content via the chamber website, Facebook, GMLP Breakfasts, 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 Networking events monthly