

**Leavenworth County Port Authority
Board of Directors
20 February 2024
Noon – Zoom/In-Person**

Attendees: Dirck Hoagland, John Richmeier, Chris Donnelly, George Brajkovic, Vicky Kaaz, Greg Kaaz, Lisa Haack, Mary Mack, Dan Clemons, Diana Dodd, Vernon Fields, Tom Cole, David Schroeder, Krystal Voth, Penny Holler, Doug Schimke, Paul Kramer, Jeremy Greenamyre, Bill Noll

Chris called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Motion to approve the January minutes by David Schroeder and seconded by Doug Schimke. All in favor.

Motion to approve the January financial report by Doug Schimke and seconded by David Schroeder. All in favor.

LCDC Report

- Lisa gave the LCDC Report which included new and ongoing projects:
 - Project Emma – did not submit. Looking for office/warehouse space in SW Kansas.
 - Project Diamond – Did not submit. Looking for 150 acres w/railway connection and deep seaport.
 - Project Superior– Existing building, 100-200K sf or 25 acres for distribution center. Submitted LV Business Park.
 - Project Bluebird – IT industry looking for 30-40 acres for 2 buildings. Submitted LV Business Park; made short list for site visit.
 - Project Soar – interested in Tonganoxie Business Park. Working with State and City. Granted additional extension, decision soon.
- She mentioned the Annual Meeting – had 142 in attendance, speaker Kyle Vena talked about American Royal impact.
- Conducted a county tour of German representatives from Dept. of Commerce and one for new staff.
- She attended a Metrowire event and heard about projects in KC; KCADC Investor Briefing speaker talked about rail that connects three countries, Canada, US and Mexico.
- She registered for a couple other trips – IAMC forum in Greenville, SC in April and SEDC Meet the Consultants in Atlanta; submitted request for Team Kansas events.
- She will be doing LCDC update to City of Basehor on 2/28; presentation to Republican Townhall on 3/4; 3/18 Basehor State of the City address; 3/20 International Trade Council Women in International Business Event.

Industrial Site Committee: Talked about scoring matrix and recommendations made for revision. Will have rail representative at March meeting. Will continue to work on scoring and evaluation of sites.

Panasonic Impact – Mentioned speaker for April in-person board meeting will be representative from Panasonic.

Long Term Funding – Will have a committee meeting in the next month or so.

Regional Transportation Plan update – talked about MARC scoring and the low scores for county projects. Discussed factors that were involved in the scoring and how to possibly increase it; continue to invest in studies (rail, freight, etc.); work more with KDOT for projects.

Other: Discussion on compliance with Sunshine Laws. Minutes and agendas will be put on website and future meetings will be recorded and downloaded as well. Discussed having a board training session with the county counselor. A couple board member terms are up for renewal at the end of March.

Affiliated Partner updates given.

Adjourn 1:00 p.m.