

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

Attendees: Lisa Haack, Diana Dodd, Chris Donnelly, Doug Schimke, John Richmeier, Jeremy Greenamyre, David Schroeder, Greg Kaaz, Krystal Voth, George Brajkovic, Penny Holler, Josh Gentzler, Penny Holler, Vernon Fields

Doug called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Motion to approve the April minutes by Chris Donnelly and seconded by David Schroeder. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the April financial reports by Chris Donnelly and seconded by David Schroeder. Motion carried. Review of the 2025 LCPA Budget. After some discussion, motion to approve as presented made by Chris Donnelly and seconded by Vernon Fields. Motion carried.

LCDC Report:

Lisa gave the LCDC report, which included new and ongoing projects:

- Building Search – looking for an existing building 500,000 sf. Did not submit.
- Project River – ongoing – company is working with the state on incentives.
- Project Soar – manufacturing plant interested in Tonganoxie Business Park. Working with City and State, extension granted.

LCDC Activity, marketing events/trips:

- SEDC Meet the Consultants Conference – discussion on workforce issues regarding childcare.
- Crew KC event – tour of Rock Island bridge.
- KCADC 2nd Qtr. Investor Briefing
- Currently working on LCDC and LCPA budgets and funding for municipalities.
- Discussed maintenance contract with T3 Siteworx for the business parks. Motion to approve the contract by David Schroeder and seconded by Chris Donnelly. Motion carried.
- Diana mentioned that the Progress 2024 magazine digital link is not available yet, she will provide that when it is ready.

Regional Transportation Plan Update: Greg Kaaz – Discussed projects in the study and how funding will be looked at. Will need to have discussions with KTA.

Industrial Site Committee Update: Lisa – working to bring scoring criteria together so they can narrow down sites of 160 acres using map overlays from county GIS.

Future Funding Committee – Committee met and still getting right members and exploring options. Will meet again sometime in July.

Panasonic Impact: Mentioned that there is a quarterly newsletter that provides progress on the project.

Affiliated partner updates given.

Other: Chris talked about having the statutes reviewed to ensure that they are doing things correctly, structured properly. He reached out to attorney Tim Girard for guidance. Suggested they make a list of what they would like him to review. List would consist of set up and operating properly, top items to present and other opportunities to consider. After discussion, **Greg Kaaz made the motion to approve spending up to \$5000 for answers to questions presented to Tim Girard and seconded by David Schroeder. Motion carried.**

Adjourned at 1:06 PM.