

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

Attendees: Lisa Haack, Diana Dodd, Mary Mack, John Richmeier, David Schroeder, Greg Kaaz, Josh Gentzler, Vickie Kaaz, Chris Donnelly, Vernon Fields, George Brajkovic, Jeremy Greenamyre, Bill Noll, Penny Holler, Dan Clemons

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

**Motion to approve the September minutes by Chris Donnelly and seconded by Dan Clemons. Motion carried.**

**Motion to approve the August financial reports by Greg Kaaz and seconded by Chris Donnelly. Motion carried.**

- Discussed CD with Mutual maturity date coming up of 29 October. Greg made the motion to look at other bank's 1-year rate for best rate and seconded by Chris Donnelly. Motion carried.

**Structure & Operation Tax Levy** – Chris talked about the correspondence with the lawyer on questions and their opinion which is to they can move forward with a vote. They talked about who would be the lead on the project (more likely the county) and that the request to be on a ballot in the spring has to come from a separate entity (city, county, etc.) Talked about getting the future funding committee together to start the preparation. Lisa mentioned that she would reach out to Candid Marketing about marketing strategy and costs. She was instructed to get the future funding committee in place to gather information and schedule a work session with the county to provide them with the plan and details.

**LCDC Report:**

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

- Project Offspring – international company looking for 33-40 acres for manufacturing plant with substantial utility requirements. Submitted private properties in Lansing.
- Project River – interest in 50-100 acres for energy plant. Client working on securing investors and funding for the project.
- Project Transport – Two properties in Urban Hess. LCPA agreed to sale of \$20,000 per acre with stipulation that they have permit within 12 months and completion in 24 months. Waiting for the first draft of the contract to review. There was discussion on who would be allowed to sign contract document's and it was agreed that it could be done by any board member.

LCDC Activity, marketing events/trips:

- Attended SIOR Development Day on 19 September
- CrewKC event on 9 October
- KEDA Fall Conference

- Community outlook on 14 October talked about mental health, homelessness, and effect on communities.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter LCDC luncheon on 11 October – Josh Gentzler was guest speaker.
- 18 October – Career Fair at Lansing Comm. Center 11-1, 21 vendors
- Investor Appreciation on 7 November at Deer Ridge Estate 5:30-8:00
- Update to the City of Leavenworth at 6:00 pm
- Talked about the Fam Tour and that she purchased digital frames to provide the site selectors with information about the community and business park.
- She talked about the Advocacy Committee chaired by Josh Hoppes and Harland Russell for outreach to new and incoming elected officials to educate about LCDC/LCPA. They have met Vanessa Reid, Jeff Klemp and Willie Dove so far.

**Regional Transportation Plan Update:** Greg provided a handout giving an updated summary of the projects. He mentioned that KDOT selected Kimley Horne as the consultant for the engineering study. He talked about the City of Leavenworth Safe Streets project that has a goal of reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries by a minimum of 50% by 2035. Mentioned their priority corridors and intersections for safety. The report is on their website. He also talked about Leavenworth County doing the same and the project started in February 2024. They want to have a draft plan completed by December 2024 and final report by February 2025. Mentioned other KDOT projects and the pedestrian/bike paths being added at the Civic Campus in Basehor.

**Industrial Site Committee Update:** No updates. Still waiting on information

**Future Funding Committee** – Will get group formed to start discussions on tax levy project, gathering information to present to the county to get on spring ballot.

**Affiliated partner updates given.**

Adjourned at 1:15