

**Leavenworth County Port Authority**

**Board of Directors**

**19 November 2024**

**Noon – Zoom/in-Person**

Attendees: Lisa Haack, Diana Dodd, John Richmeier, Doug Schimke, David Schroeder, Greg Kaaz, Chris Donnelly, Veron Fields, Dan Clemons, Jeremy Greenamy, Josh Gentzler, Penny Holler, George Brajkovic, Vicky Kaaz

Doug called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. (Start was delayed by technical difficulties with Zoom.)

**Motion to approve the October minutes by Vernon Fields and seconded by David Schroeder. Motion carried.**

**Motion to approve the October financial reports by David Schroeder and seconded by Chris Donnelly. Motion carried.**

- Discussed moving the 6 month CD to the bank with the best rate. Chris moved authorizing staff and treasurer to move the CD. Motion was seconded by David. Motion carried.

**LCDC Report:**

Lisa gave the LCDC report, which included new and on-going projects:

- Project Uno – existing company with preliminary interest in 5 to 7 acres in Gary Carlson Business Center to build a new facility. In the information gathering stage.
- Project Goldrush – manufacturer of components used in US energy-supply chain. Submitted the Leavenworth Business and Technology Park.
- Project Transport – Lisa met with the buyer of the lot in UHBC to go over the contract. He wants to move the closing date. The lawyer will modify the contract and send it back. Nothing further is needed from the PA.

LCDC activity/marketing trips/events:

- Participated in the Kansas Department of Commerce's Fam Tour on 1 November
- Team Kansas event in Atlanta on 12 November
- Northeast Kansas County Officials' annual meeting 22 November. Josh Jefferson, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Commerce will be there.
- Area Development Council annual conference in Miami in December
- LCDC Annual Meeting will be held 17 January from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Chris Donnelly asked about the open board seat for the county appointee. Vicky said the commission is waiting for input from the new commissioners coming on in January before appointing anyone.

**Regional Transportation Plan Update:** Greg reported that the bike trails in Basehor went out to bid through KDOT and the project has been awarded.

**Industrial Site Visioning Committee:** No updates. No meetings have been held in the last month.

**Future Funding Committee:** Chris reported that a prospective budget has been prepared to calculate the portion of a mill needed. Next steps are to conduct a community survey and meet with County Commissioners.

\*The board discussed cancelling the December meeting but decided to wait to see if a meeting might be needed.

**Affiliated partner updates given.**

Adjourned at 12:42 p.m.