

**Leavenworth County Port Authority**

**Board of Directors**

**21 January 2025**

**Noon – Zoom/in-Person**

Attendees: Lisa Haack, Diana Dodd, Mary Mack, John Richmeier, Doug Schimke, David Schroeder, Greg Kaaz, Chris Donnelly, Veron Fields, Dan Clemons, Jeremy Greenamyre, Josh Gentzler, Penny Holler, George Brajkovic, Brian Habjan, Harland Russell

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

**Motion to approve the November minutes by Vernon Fields and seconded by Chris Donnelly. Motion carried.**

**Review of November financials and motion to approve made by Chris Donnelly, seconded by David Schroeder. Motion carried. December financials will be presented at next meeting for approval pending changes to be made.**

**Discussed moving more money into a CD. Chris Donnelly made the motion to invest \$250,000 into a CD between 6-9 months, not more than a year and lattered between the current ones and roll the interest from the CD's into the checking account, seconded by David Schroeder. Motion carried. Mary will gather CD rate information for the new CD.**

**LCDC Report:**

Lisa gave the LCDC report, which included new and on-going projects. In December, received 6 leads with 2 becoming actual projects. For 2024, 59 total leads of which responses to 33 and 16 remain active.

- Project Ironman – manufacturer looking for location. Prefer a building but will consider sites. Looking for up to 20 acres for a 50k-sf facility. Submitted LV Business Park.
- Project Apollo– Looking for existing building or 50+ acres on a greenfield site to build a 550-750k-sf facility. Submitted LV Business Park.
- Project Transport – **Located**. Sale of two properties in Urban Hess completed. Press release already published.

**LCDC activity/marketing trips/events:**

- She and Diana will be attending KEDA Legislative Day on 6 February.
- She will be starting work on LCPA and LCDC budget request for 2026. Talked about county funding and suggested reaching out to County Administrator to schedule a meeting with the commission to discuss 2026 requests and ask for the extra \$60,000 in funding for 2025.
- Follow up with county on board seat appointment to replace Tom Cole. Mary stated she has reached out to the City of Tonganoxie, Lansing and Basehor for their seats expiring in March.
- Mentioned Annual Meeting was a huge success.

**Regional Transportation Plan:** Greg had no updates to provide at this time.

**Industrial Site Committee:** Harland reported that they have developed a rating system, identified tracts of land 155 acres. Talked about the Advocacy Committee, asking if ISC committee should take a pause (maybe look at next quarter) to see what happens with the funding initiative coming up. Stated that they will put together a summary document that can be used to support the mil levy request.

**Future Funding Committee:** Talked about meeting with Golden Shovel and their request for stakeholder information to get started with polling on 27 January in order to have it completed by 3 February.

**Other:** Chris mentioned the IST buildings all for sale. Talked about whether there were any obligations to the LCPA Board for the lots. Will review the contracts and follow up.

**Affiliated partner updates given.**

Adjourned at 1:10 p.m.