

Leavenworth County Port Authority

Board of Directors

18 March 2025

Noon – Zoom/in-Person

Attendees: Lisa Haack, Mary Mack, John Richmeier, Doug Schimke, Greg Kaaz, Chris Donnelly, Dan Clemons, George Brajkovic, Joel Mahnken, Holly Pittman, Mike Smith, Penny Holler, Brian Habjan

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

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

Review of February financials and motion to approve made by Mike Smith, seconded by Chris Donnelly. Motion carried.

Review of the January 2025 financials and motion to approve made by Greg Kaaz and seconded by David Schroeder. Motion carried.

LCDC Report:

Lisa gave the LCDC report, which included new and on-going projects for February.

- Project Gold Rush – Originated from 10/24 and has grown in scope. Strong preference for existing building but will consider greenfield sites. Submitting the LV Business Park.
- Project Viking – Did not submit. Looking for 40+/- acres for a production facility; needs rail access.
- Project Aquarius – Did not submit. Looking for an existing building, 95,000+ sf with cranes in the building.
- Statewide Real Estate Search – Did not submit. Manufacturing project doing a quick search for existing buildings 500k-1M sf.

LCDC activity/marketing

- Attended BOCC work session on 12 March. BOCC requests LCDC to change their by-laws to allow a voting seat on the board of directors. On 13 March, the LCDC Board approved reinstating the county's board seat. They would like to have quarterly updates from LCDC/LCPA.
- She provided testimony in opposition of SB283 in Topeka on 6 March. Bill is in regard to putting sunset on key incentive programs like HPIP and PEAK. She provided information on the impact of those programs to local businesses.
- She mentioned the 2nd Quarter Investor lunch at Ellie Bs in Tonganoxie on 10 April.
- Mentioned the LCDC golf tournament on 12 September at Trails West.
- She mentioned she has several upcoming marketing trips.

Regional Transportation Plan: Greg provided an update on projects for Leavenworth County. K-5 corridor – they are still gathering information for the study; Saft Streets Vision Zero was accepted on 13 March and the information will be posted on the website.

Industrial Site Committee: No update.

Future Funding Committee: The approval of the education plan for Golden Shovel was re-addressed and discussed. The motion was made to accept the next steps with the education campaign and pay Golden Shovel the \$30,000 fee. The motion carried 4-1. Greg Kaaz was a no vote. He wanted to get all the communities and county on board through separate presentations first.

Affiliated partner updates given.

Other:

There was discussion on the IST lots for sale. For Lots 15,16 and 17, the requirement is to build a 5,000-sf building within 4 years so they have one more year to complete. Discussion with Wilkerson Crane on their request and it was suggested that they meet with the City of Tonganoxie first.

Adjourned at 12:40 p.m.