

**CITY OF LE CENTER
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025 – 4:30 PM
10 W. TYRONE ST. LE CENTER, MN 56057**

*** MINUTES ***

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Christian Harmeyer, Council Member Philip Campbell, Board Members Dennis Woelfel, Kevin Engel and Greg Traxler

Absent: None

Staff: EDA Director Dan Evans, Economic Development Specialist Jim Gromberg

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 7, 2025

Motion by Engel, seconded by Harmeyer, to approve the Minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

3. DISCUSS COMMUNITY SURVEY QUESTIONS AND NEXT STEPS

Gromberg presented a draft of the community survey questions. Each question was discussed as needed and recommendations were made to reduce and/or combine some of the questions. It was recommended to increase participation in the survey; the EDA should consider offering a free month's utility bill or a family pool pass to five survey participants. Motion by Engel, seconded by Campbell to approve the survey questions as discussed and move forward with administering the survey in the coming weeks. All in favor, motion carried.

4. BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION (BRE) VISIT RECAP

Gromberg provided a memo to the board that outlines his BRE visits in partnership with GreenSeam. GreenSeam is a part of the Greater Mankato Economic Development group that focuses ag type businesses and helping them expand and succeed in southern Minnesota. Gromberg and GreenSeam visited with both Maud Borup and Winco based out of Le Center. Gromberg highlighted much of that visit within his memo.

5. CHILD CARE PROJECT

Gromberg mentioned that during his BRE visit, the idea of having an on-premise daycare facility for employees was brought up. Gromberg stated that himself and city staff will work with this business if they are in fact interested in pursuing this idea.

6. BUSINESS SUBSIDY POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to establish the City's guide for the processing and review of applications requesting business subsidies. Business subsidies are financial tools that enable the City to provide opportunities and benefits for its businesses and residents. Motion by Engel, seconded by Campbell to approve the business subsidy policy as distributed. All in favor, motion carried.

7. 2026 SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SCSC

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Engel to approve the 2026 Economic Development Service agreement with South Central Service Coop. (SCSC). All in favor, motion carried

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Engel, seconded by Harmeyer to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Dan Evans, City Administrator