



**AGENDA**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**June 24, 2025 - 4:00 PM**  
**Marion Conference Room**  
**20195 Holyoke Ave**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. May 27, 2025, Meeting Minutes
3. Election of Officer
  - a. Election of Secretary
4. Guest Speaker
  - a. Zach Johnson, City Engineer
5. Development & Marketing Updates
  - a. June Economic Development Report
  - b. BRE update
6. Other
7. Adjourn

**CITY OF LAKEVILLE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 27, 2025**

1. Vice Chair Bjorklund called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Marion Conference Room.

**Members Present:** Comms. Rebecca Bergin, Rick Bjorklund, Joe Eykyn, Roz Peterson, John Ricketts, Don Seiler

**Ex-officio Members Present:** Chamber President Krista Jech, City Administrator Justin Miller, City Mayor Luke Hellier

**Members Absent:** Lowell Collman

**Staff Present:** Tina Goodroad, Community Development Director; Kati Bachmayer, Economic Development Manager, Dawn Erickson, Senior Administrative Assistant

**Guest Speaker:** Sam Seafeldt, Airlake Airport Manager

2. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **April 22, 2025 EDC Meeting Minutes**

**Comms. Peterson / Seiler** moved to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Guest Speaker**
  - a. **Airlake Airport**

Sam Seafeldt, Airlake Airport Manager, provided statistical information about Airlake Airport's traffic counts and economic impact, as well as an update on the status of current and planned airport improvements and private hangar development. Mr. Seafeldt stated Airlake Airport has 140 based Aircraft, 42,000 annual operations with a 4,099 foot runway that is planned to be extended to 4,850 feet. Airlake Airport saw 10% increased operational activity from 2023 to 2024, which was the second largest growth of all the Metropolitan Airports Commission reliever airports.

EDC members asked questions and provided feedback.

4. **Development & Marketing Updates**

- a. **MREJ Southeast Metro Development Summit**

Ms. Bachmayer shared that Community Development staff hosted a booth to promote Lakeville at the Minnesota Real Estate Journal's Southeast Metro Development Summit on May 22, 2025. Community Development Director Tina Goodroad moderated a panel discussion about experiential retail that featured B-52 Burgers & Brew and Dakota Curling Club.

**b. May Economic Development Report**

Ms. Bachmayer and Ms. Goodroad highlighted a few recent development projects and new businesses in Lakeville. In May, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for Lakeville 35 Logistics Center, a ribbon cutting celebration was held at Tareen Dermatology and Midwest Ear, Nose & Throat Specialists opened in its new location.

Ms. Goodroad shared that Community Development staff recently issued a Request for Proposals for the Cedar Avenue Corridor Land Use and Market Analysis.

Ms. Jech shared that the first relaunched year of Leadership Lakeville was a success and 14 people graduated from the program. She stated that the Mayor, Ms. Goodroad and Ms. Bachmayer were involved in the planning and programming, including a bus tour of the city in May for their final session.

**c. Business Retention Expansion Update**

Commissioner Bergin shared that the May BRE visits she participated in were successful. Ms. Bachmayer shared alternate June and July dates for upcoming BRE visits and requested EDC members register to participate in future visits by using the Sign Up Genius link.

**5. Other**

The next EDC meeting will be held on June 24, 2025.

**6. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

**Respectively submitted by:**

Dawn Erickson, Senior Administrative Assistant



# Memorandum

**To:** Economic Development Commission  
**From:** Kati Bachmayer, Economic Development Manager  
**Copy:** Tina Goodroad, Community Development Director  
Justin Miller, City Administrator  
**Date:** June 24, 2025  
**Subject:** Election of Officer

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The annual election of EDC officers took place during the April 22, 2025, meeting. EDC members elected Lowell Collman as Chair, Rick Bjorklund as Vice Chair, and Andrew Phillips as Secretary. Andrew Phillips resigned from the EDC on April 25, 2025; therefore, EDC members must elect a new Secretary to fill the remaining term.

For the election of officers:

- The existing chair (or vice chair if chair is no longer on the board) should ask for nominations from the board members.
  - If no officers from the previous board are present, the most tenured member of the board will handle the nomination process.
  - Nominations can be taken individually by position (chair, vice-chair, etc.) or as a slate of officers.
  - This call for nominations should occur three times.
  - The presiding officer shall announce that self-nominations are allowed.
- Once three calls for nominations are completed, the chair shall state that nominations are closed.
- A vote on the positions, either individually or as a slate, shall occur.
  - The person with the most votes is elected.
- The newly elected chair takes over presiding duties.

**Action Requested:** Commissioners are asked to elect a new Secretary to fulfill the April 2025-2026 term.



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**Subject:** Guest Speaker: Zach Johnson, City Engineer

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Zach Johnson, City Engineer, will present an update on the I-35/County Road 50 interchange improvement project - the City of Lakeville's top transportation priority. The project is critical to improving safety, replacing deteriorating bridges, and providing needed capacity improvements along I-35 and brings wide-ranging community and economic benefits. More than \$22 million of local investment has already been made over the last 20 years to prepare for this improvement.

Lakeville is partnering with Dakota County and MnDOT to coordinate interchange improvements to increase efficiencies and reduce impacts to the traveling public and existing businesses.

The project includes:

- Replacing two existing two-lane I-35 bridges with two new three-lane I-35 bridges, new freeway ramps and new northbound auxiliary lane
- Diverging diamond interchange design
- New additional westbound lane on County Road 5/50 under the I-35 bridges
- Increased vertical clearance under I-35 bridges
- Improved bicycle/pedestrian facilities

The estimated construction cost is \$62.5 million. Construction is anticipated to take place in 2028/2029.

**Action Requested:** No specific action is requested. Members are encouraged to ask questions and provide insights into the presented data.



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This memo is intended to provide information on new and expanding businesses, proposed development projects and economic development-related events.

## **Business & Development Updates**

- A new restaurant has recently opened in the Crossroads of Lakeville shopping center. Sala Thai Kitchen is located at 17671 Glasgow Avenue and serves authentic Thai cuisine for dine-in or carry-out.
- Board & Brush held a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 10 to celebrate its new ownership. The business is located at 20770 Holyoke Avenue in downtown Lakeville.
- Midwest Ear, Nose & Throat Specialists held an open house event on June 18 to celebrate their new location at 11020 161<sup>st</sup> Street West.
- During the June 16 City Council meeting, the City of Lakeville entered into a professional services agreement with TKDA to prepare the Cedar Avenue Corridor Land Use and Market Analysis. The outcome will help update land use designations and guide future development in the absence of planned transit service. The study may also result in a small area plan that supports the City's broader 2050 planning efforts and will be partially funded using CDBG dollars.
- A groundbreaking ceremony to kick off construction of the Dakota Electric Association HQ project is scheduled to take place on June 26.

## **Under Construction**

- Construction is underway on the Lakeville 35 Logistics Center. The 189,678-square-foot spec industrial building will be located at 21300 Juniper Way.
- Construction is nearing completion on the 8,337-square-foot commercial office building located at 9057 203<sup>rd</sup> Street West to be called Kenwood Commons. The facility will include three office suites for lease and two have been identified as Downtown Bicycles and State Farm Insurance.
- Construction continues on RL Cold's 276,480-square-foot cold storage facility at 21700 Galway Lane.

- Construction continues on Children’s Dental Care’s 2,571-square-foot addition to its existing building at 17677 Cedar Avenue.

### **Building Permit Report**

The City has issued building permits with a total valuation of \$126,886,825 through May. This compares to a total valuation of \$109,830,841 for building permits issued through May 2024.

The City issued permits for 99 single-family homes through May with a total valuation of \$34,706,028. This compares to 140 single-family home permits through May 2024 with a total valuation of \$42,814,000.

The City has also issued 80 townhome permits with a total valuation of \$19,882,825 through May, compared to 55 townhome permits with a total valuation of \$13,061,000 during the same period in 2024.

Lakeville is currently ranked #1 in year-to-date Twin Cities residential building permits, according to Housing First Minnesota.

### **Additional Highlights**

- Leadership Lakeville applications for the 2025-26 Cohort are available now at [LakevilleChamber.org](http://LakevilleChamber.org).
- A Federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act letter has been received from J & E Companies informing the City of its decision to permanently close the Lakeville facility and lay off approximately 45 employees on June 2, 2025. The employees affected by the layoff are eligible to receive employment assistance from MN’s CareerForce offices.
- Community Development staff are working with the Communications team to refresh the look of LakevilleBusiness.com. The new look will be live later this summer.

### **Development News Resources**

- Lakeville’s [Interactive Development Map](#) includes information on development projects.
- [Thrive! Business Newsletter](#) is distributed monthly and includes development updates and helpful business resources.
- City of Lakeville [YouTube](#) channel for Thrive! videos and other city news.