



LRPC COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday May 7, 2026

Minutes

LOCATION: Multipurpose Room A
TIME:: 6:30 PM
AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Not Recorded

ATTENDING:

Staff Members: Jo Anne Jensen, GM
 Spencer Huston, IT

1 Call to Order

Director Van de Polder called the meeting to order at 6:31PM.

2 Roll Call.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Taimi Van de Polder	Sean Chaffee	Jeff Mildner	Brad Edwards
Elizabeth Huthert	Ken Van de Polder	Gary Bara excused	David Gustafson absent
9 Chad Avery	Michael Davolio	.John Gingrich absent	Forest Cat absent

3 Adoption of Agenda

Motion By: Taimi Van de Polder		Seconded By:	
Approved: X	Not Approved:	Tabled:	Died:
In Favor: Unanimous	Against:	Abstained	

4 Announcements – Mitch Waterman has resigned from the Long Range Planning Committee as the committee is only allowed 2 Board members, and Mitch was recently elected to the Board. April West also resigned due to other commitments.

5 Approval of Minutes – March 18, 2026

Approval of minutes was deferred to the following meeting

Motion By: Taimi Van de Polder		Seconded By:	
Approved: X	Not Approved:	Tabled:	Died:
In Favor:	Against:	Abstained	

6 Continuing Business

a) Feasibility update on use of former admin offices for senior's gathering space

The committee reviewed progress on the proposed senior gathering space, which would repurpose existing office space. A structural engineer confirmed that the interior walls under consideration could be removed. A contractor estimate is being prepared for presentation to the Finance Committee. Members discussed the potential for volunteer assistance with finishing work and reaffirmed the goal of creating a welcoming and accessible community space.

b) 3, 5, 10 year plan

The committee conducted a SWOT-style discussion to support development of the 3-, 5-, and 10-year plan. Strengths identified included Sudden Valley's natural setting, lakes, variety of housing options, and community amenities. Weaknesses and threats discussed included aging infrastructure, underfunded reserves, rising labor, insurance, and material costs, limited emergency access and exits, lack of county support, communication challenges with residents, and declining volunteerism. Members also noted concerns about internal and external perceptions of the community.

- Members identified underused assets, including the campground, airstrip, and Area Y, as potential sources of strategic value or revenue.
- The committee discussed possible campground redevelopment or leasing to an outside operator as a near-term priority.
- Members agreed that incorporation and zoning options should be studied further to assess opportunities for increased local control and/or state and county resources.
- Additional opportunities included improving community engagement through town halls, newcomer sessions, and social events, as well as better management of access to high-demand amenities such as beaches and marina parking.
- Area Y was viewed as a longer-term opportunity for future planning.

Adjournment: 7:50 PM