

**Lake County Ohio Port & Economic Development Authority (LCOPEDA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 26, 2021**

Call to Order: Chairman, Art Lindrose called to order the regularly scheduled meeting held in person and virtually in the Lake Erie Conference Room at 3:02 pm with the pledge of allegiance and roll call. Board members in attendance included Kevin Freese, Mark Freeman, Nate Hicks, Bill Martin, John Rampe (Secretary), Jim Struna and John Uhran (Vice-chair). Wally Siegel joined us at 3:04 pm.

Others in attendance: Dave Anderson, Tim Cahill, Patty Fulop, Patrick Mohorcic, Brandon Dynes and Chad Felton. Joining us virtually was Mr. Connors.

Approval of Minutes: The members of the board were provided with electronic copies of the minutes from the April 28, 2021 meeting in advance. A motion was made by Mr. Struna and seconded by Mr. Uhran to approve minutes from April 28, 2021 as presented. The motion was approved with an 8-0 vote.

Reports and Communications of Officers and Committees:

Chairman's report – Chairman Lindrose had no report.

Executive Director's report – Mr. Anderson reported that on the Dredge Project, the contract with Kurtz Brothers for design and engineering has been worked out. Funding is still a key and we continue to work with our lobbyist and state legislators to secure this. Lake Metroparks is working with ODOT on funds to begin engineering for the Kurtz part of the trail. These are funds left over from a congressional earmark obtained earlier by Congressman LaTourette. The Port branding is moving forward; he is looking for a late August launch. Biljana Abel had the best presentation out of all candidates for website work; we are meeting with her next Tuesday. Mr. Anderson also reported that he, Tim, and Patrick are working with the county to develop a new Economic Incentive Program in the form of a loan or grant program to enhance business attraction.

Public Comments: There were none.

Economic Development:

Public Finance & Chief Financial Officer – As CFO, Mr. Cahill is working on a budget adjustment of the airport. Some of the needed adjustments revolve around an FAA Grant we are receiving for \$ 23K, unexpected pavement repairs, logo design, the triangular property purchase at Lost Nation and Hodgson roads and Kennedy Parkway. As Deputy Director of Public Finance, he reported that the annual state audit of the Port is ongoing. Mr. Cahill also reported that in the beginning of April, Truline moved into their 75,000-sf. building with 100 employees and we are planning to tour the building and to hold our June 23 board meeting there. We are in the pre-start phase with Omni Assisted Senior Living; the expected kick-off this week was delayed, but the project is moving forward. He is also waiting now on an application for Marous Bros. for bond financing for their Riverwalk project.

Lake County Executive Airport – Mrs. Fulop followed up on Mr. Cahill's report that a budget adjustment is needed. The emergency apron repairs will begin this week, we have filed for reimbursement of earlier operation expenses to help offset the cost. Mr. Lindrose inquired as to the timeline of the project and

Patty responded that the contractor was looking to mill on Thursday and pave on Friday. Both David Joyce's and Sherrod Brown's offices have reached out to Mr. Anderson to let him know we will be receiving funds for one construction project for taxilane A. We are waiting on paperwork and there is a resolution on the agenda today to accept those funds. We also have applied for some FAA design grants and are waiting to hear on those. The airport also has a grant opportunity with ODOT to remove an electrical pole near the corner of Hodgson and Lost Nations Roads and some additional trees at the end of runway 23. Mr. Lindrose asked if we would ever be at a point that we do not have to remove trees and Mrs. Fulop replied we are getting close, but trees continue to grow. Mr. Freese suggested we look to an arborist to develop a forestry plan that would be beneficial to add. Finally, Mrs. Fulop reported that we just finished up an ODOT grant for remarking both runways. We have a much clearer picture from the air of the hold lines and displaced thresholds.

Coastal Development – Deputy Director, Patrick Mohorcic began with Stanton Park; reiterating that the in-water construction work permit was extended from May 15th to June 30th and he expects the project to be completed on this revised schedule. The dry beach on the west end is complete and the dry beach on the east end including underdrains are being installed and completed this week. The township had the necessary trees removed and are offering up some mulch to assist with the project. Public access to the beach area is a project for the township and has not been finalized. At Fairport Harbor, Brandon is finalizing a joint use agreement which is a requirement for us to access ODOT, Office of Real Estate funds to pay for the design and engineering; and MSA is continuing work on the submission for the Boating and Infrastructure Grant funding. Oasis Marinas came from Baltimore for an on-site visit and may be a potential operator for the marina. They currently operate marinas in Cleveland and Sandusky. On the Dredge Facility, Director Anderson signed the Design & Engineering Contract and we requested a NEPA survey from the Army Corp. We assisted Mentor on the Lake with CDGB application to the county for the Restaurant at Mentor Beach. Mr. Uhran asked about the parking situation. The initial designs include the parking and there is plenty of room, but it will be up to Mentor on the Lake to meet the zoning requirements. Mr. Rampe asked what type of restaurant and Mr. Mohorcic commented that it would be casual sit down.

Other Economic Development Business: None

Resolutions and Motions:

- a. **2021-22: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority (LCOPEDA) Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute and Enter into a Grant Agreement with the United States of America acting through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the FY 2021 Airport Improvement Program Grant. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to adopt. Resolution 2021-22 was approved with a 9-0 vote.**

New Business: Mr. Lindrose reminded the board that we often historically have a meeting off site. Mr. Cahill thought we could tour Truline in June, Patty suggested a tour and meeting at the airport in July and perhaps visit a winery in August.

A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to adjourn the public meeting at 3:39 pm. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.