

**Lake Development Authority (LDA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 25, 2022**

Call to Order: Chairman, Art Lindrose, called to order the regularly scheduled meeting held in the Lake Erie Conference Room, 105 Main Street, Suite A505, Painesville, OH 44077 at 3:01 pm with the pledge of allegiance and roll call. Board members in attendance included Kevin Freese, Nate Hicks, Wally Siegel, Jim Struna, and Ronald Wassum. John Rampe (Secretary), and John Uhran (Vice-chair) attended by phone. Bill Martin was absent.

Others in attendance: David Anderson, Myranda Keister, Patty Fulop, Patrick Mohorcic, Brandon Dines, and Ashley Schneider.

Approval of Minutes: The members of the board were provided with electronic copies of the minutes from the April 27, 2022 meeting in advance. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved with an 8-0 vote.

Introduction: Mrs. Fulop introduced Ashley Schneider interning May 25th & 26th. Ashley is a junior at Kirtland High School and is fulfilling her intern graduation requirement. She is not sure yet of her career path, thinking of business and trying to narrow it down now. Brody Hicks from Perry High School shadowed Mrs. Fulop on Friday, May 20th. Since then Perry High School has requested an intern for a semester in the 2022-23 school year.

Reports and Communications of Officers and Committees:

Chairman's report – Mr. Lindrose welcomed Miss Schneider and had no additional report.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Anderson started the Executive Director's report announcing that we signed all documents for the Dredge Project and we are ready to go. He commended Patrick for shepherding over the parties involved. He also commended Brandon Dines and the TDD law firm and Mr. Mark Smoley for their assistance with this all-consuming project. Lake Metroparks should approve the first of the easements and are having talks with other property owners now for additional easements. One portion is still in our court and Myranda is working on a grant to fund the planning and design of the connection of the lakefront trail from Painesville Township to Fairport. There is legislation on the agenda today concerning Kennedy Parkway and for all intent purposes Stanton Park is being completed. Now it is exciting to look ahead to what is next. Our staff will be reviewing the Silverload Strategic Plan and he hopes to have some recommendations to bring to the Board in July. Mr. Lindrose asked for more information on the last piece of the lakefront trail and Mr. Anderson explained the possibilities and the need for hiring an engineering firm to tell us what is most feasible.

Public Comments: There were none.

Economic Development:

Public Finance & Chief Financial Officer – Mr. Mohorcic, Director of Public Finance and CFO, ran through the financials including the first quarter P & L and the current balance sheet for the Lake Development

Authority. Total assets list approximately \$4.1 million. The P & L shows a total favorable variance of approximately \$ 92K which is mostly due to the closing of the OMNI bond deal early this year. The Lake County Executive Airport balance sheet lists the assets of \$9.1 million mostly in land, buildings and equipment. The P & L shows a slight favorable variance of \$ 10K which can be attributed mostly to timing of maintenance projects and a slight increase in sales.

Lake County Executive Airport – Mrs. Fulop, Airport Manager, reported that we finally got a grant closeout for our 2020 project to design the extension and widening of Taxilane A. That project is now under construction as a 2021 grant project. We have submitted two grant applications to FAA for the design projects we have discussed earlier. The grants will be offered to LCOPEDA until the airport property is transferred to the LDA, which Brandon will be able to work on soon. There are two resolutions on the agenda today to except those design grants. We will need architecture & engineering services to proceed with a terminal building study to apply for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, terminal building grant. We received the grant paperwork from ODOT for the Pole removal grant at Hodgson & Lost Nation Roads. We applied May 1 for a direct general aviation grant from the ODOT FY2023 grant program, to remove additional identified tree obstructions at the Lake County Executive Airport. We had a work session with our partners in the airport to bring to their attention the projects that the FAA is willing to fund in the upcoming years and what financial responsibilities the sponsors will take on. We will follow up in the next few weeks. MIBEC’s building is in progress and Patty will update at it proceeds.

Coastal Development – Miss Keister. Director of Planning and Development reported that we are pushing for funding for the Fairport Harbor Lakefront Development. Our 2021 US Fish and Wildlife Boating & Infrastructure Grant (BIG) was rejected, we have met with them and are revamping that application to submit July 1. We are also looking at the Clean Vessel Act through the ODNR in October. Additionally, we are trying to identify more sources of funding. We are waiting for the Army Corp to meet with us in a few weeks for the dogleg in the Mentor Harbor Channel project. Information was collected from the City of Mentor and the Yacht Club; we should know more mid-June. We are also still looking for funds for the failing 90-year old channel walls. Miss Keister is looking to apply for the PROTECTS grant once it is available. She submitted a pre-proposal to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation for their coastal resilience funds. Hopefully she will get the go ahead to submit a full grant application and she is collecting the needed information for that. Myranda is talking with NOACA on funding for the study for the Fairport Harbor section of the Lakefront Trail. Miss Keister is also keeping the available properties list up to date; we are getting requests for 200-acre sites, which we don’t have. She met with Buyers and Team NEO to sit down to discuss workforce and she will continue to follow up with them. Recently Myranda visited Auburn Career Center to sit with their Manufacturing Business Advisory and students. She is looking to bridge the welding students with manufacturing jobs.

Other Economic Development Business: None

Resolutions and Motions:

- a. **2022-21:** Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority (LDA) Formerly and for Purposes of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)), known as 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 FAA for the Airport Improvement Program Grant Number AIP 3-39-0090-022-2022 for the Lake County Executive Airport. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve resolution 2022-21 as presented. The resolution was approved with an 8-0 vote.

- b. **2022-22:** Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority (LDA) Formerly and for Purposes of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)), known as 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 FAA for the Airport Improvement Program Grant Number AIP 3-39-0090-023-2022 for the Lake County Executive Airport. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve resolution 2022-22 as presented. The resolution was approved with an 8-0 vote.
- c. **2022-23:** Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority (LDA) Declaring the LDA's Necessity and Intent to Appropriate Real Property and Authorizing the Executive Director to Exercise the LDA's Right of Eminent Domain. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve resolution 2022-23 as presented. Mr. Dynes provided the Board with information on the process and expectations. The resolution was approved with an 8-0 vote.

New Business: Executive Session

- a. Chairman Lindrose entertained a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (3) Relating to a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to enter into executive session at 3:51 pm. Chairman Lindrose requested a roll call vote and the result was Mr. Freese – Aye, Mr. Hicks – Aye, Mr. Lindrose – Aye, Mr. Rampe – Aye, Mr. Siegel – Aye, Mr. Struna – Aye, Mr. Uhran – Aye and Mr. Wassum – Aye. The motion passed with an 8-0 vote. Mr. Rampe and Mr. Uhran departed the meeting at this point.
- b. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to return to the public meeting at 3:56 pm. Chairman Lindrose requested a roll call vote and the result was Mr. Freese – Aye, Mr. Hicks – Aye, Mr. Lindrose – Aye, Mr. Siegel – Aye, Mr. Struna – Aye, and Mr. Wassum – Aye. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Board Remarks: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to adjourn the public meeting at 3:57 pm. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.