

**Lake Development Authority (LDA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 28, 2022**

Call to Order: Chairman, Art Lindrose, called to order the regularly scheduled meeting held off-site at Debonne Vineyards 7840 Doty Road, Madison, OH 44057 at 3:04 pm with the pledge of allegiance and roll call. Board members in attendance included Kevin Freese, Nate Hicks, Bill Martin, John Rampe (Secretary), John Uhran (Vice-chair) and Ronald Wassum. Jim Struna attended by phone. Wally Siegel was absent.

Others in attendance: David Anderson, Myranda Keister, Patrick Mohorcic, Brandon Dines Ashley Kirk, Chad Felton, Jim Sferra and Maureen Kelly.

Approval of Minutes: The members of the board were provided with electronic copies of the minutes from the August 24, 2022 meeting in advance. A motion was made by Mr. Freese and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved with an 8-0 vote.

Reports and Communications of Officers and Committees:

Chairman's Report – Mr. Lindrose brought to the attention of the board issues effecting business. He noted that public officials are receiving reports about opioid and homeless issues in the City of Painesville, people are afraid to walk to their cars at night from work or restaurants. They are hoping that the opioid money recently talked about will be coming soon with a plan of action.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Anderson had nothing significant today and would let the staff reports cover their projects, except to say that He and Patty had a Teams meeting with the FAA on Tuesday that went well and he would talk more about that when he gave Patty's report.

Public Comments: There were none.

Economic Development:

Public Finance & Chief Financial Officer – Mr. Mohorcic, Director of Public Finance and CFO, was glad to report the State Audit was completed and a clean audit was released. He felt Debbie did a good job. Mr. Mohorcic reported on potential capital lease / bond financing projects, one with a Mentor company involving a Spec building. He hoped to have more to discuss at the October meeting or may need a special meeting for preliminary documents. Some due diligence is being done on the Uptown Mentor project, and he is still waiting to hear back from them. There is talk of a potential developer in Mentor for a possible new hotel bond deal. We are still working with the City of Painesville and Marine Manufacturing Group on a final draft lease agreement. Patrick commented that the development cycle is picking up this fall.

Lake County Executive Airport – Mrs. Fulop, Airport Manager, was absent and Mr. Anderson gave the airport report. The annual planning meeting was held with the FAA and we were invited to submit a 2023 preapplication to FAA for the funding for construction of the design projects

funded this year. He commented that Patty has done an amazing job with the airport and navigates through the FAA well. Mr. Anderson brought the boards attention to a resolution on the agenda today to execute a contract with ODOT and go to bid for a tree removal project on private property in runway 5/23 protection zone.

Coastal Development – Miss Keister. Director of Planning and Development reported that on the Lakefront Trail, Lake Metroparks is proceeding with acquisition easements. Last year NOACA agreed to fund a study through a TICI grant on how to best connect the trail to the beach. There are no updates yet from NOACA on the RFQ. At Fairport Harbor, Miss Keister reported that she got word the RAISE grant has been denied, she will follow-up with the grant administrator to find out why. She is waiting to hear on other grants already applied for and continuing to apply for other sources of funding. She is in talks with ODNR regarding the breakwall and whether they will support that project, which the latest cost estimate is now \$ 4.8 million as opposed to \$2.8 million. We will likely complete in 3 phases, 1 – breakwater; 2 - ODNR dock and 3 - transient slips. The question was asked if grants need to be spent in a certain amount of time and Ms. Keister answered, not for ODNR, some grants are timeless other grants we can work with the agency to extend when needed. She answered the question can projects be done in piecemeal with the response that yes, essentially that is what we are doing.

Other Economic Development Business: Mr. Martin discussed with the board the number of airports he passes through and many have lounges, conference rooms and offices. He noticed these are largely now unmanned; no staff and the spaces seem under-utilized. As we begin the terminal building project, the board will need to take a good hard look at what space is needed and put money where it can get the most benefit.

Resolutions and Motions:

- a. **2022-30:** Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority (“LDA”) Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute and Deliver a Grant Contract to the Ohio Department of Transportation, (ODOT), Office of Aviation as part of the FY 2023 Ohio Airport Grant Program and Authorizing a Public Bid. A motion was made by Mr. Uhran and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve resolution 2022-30 as presented. 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. Freese and seconded by Mr. Struna to enter into executive session at 3:40 pm. Chairman Lindrose requested a roll call vote and the result was Mr. Freese – Aye, Mr. Hicks – Aye, Mr. Lindrose – Aye, Mr. Martin – Aye, Mr. Rampe – Aye, Mr. Struna – Aye, Mr. Uhran – Aye and Mr. Wassum – Aye. The motion passed with an 8-0 vote. Mr. Struna left at this point.

- b.** A motion was made by Mr. Wassum and seconded by Mr. Rampe to return to the public meeting at 3:55 pm. Chairman Lindrose requested a roll call vote and the result was Mr. Freese – Aye, Mr. Hicks – Aye, Mr. Lindrose – Aye, Mr. Martin – Aye, Mr. Rampe – Aye, Mr. Mr. Struna – Aye, Mr. Uhran – Aye and Mr. Wassum – Aye. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote. The board returned to the public meeting.

While still in the public meeting, our host, Mr. Tony Debevc, graciously provided those in attendance with a tour of the facility.

Next meeting will be held off-site at the Painesville Township Park

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Rampe and seconded by Mr. Freese to adjourn the public meeting at 5:15pm. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.