

**Lake Development Authority (LDA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

Call to Order: Chairman, Art Lindrose, called to order the regularly scheduled meeting held at the Lake Erie Conference Room in the Lake County Administration Building located at 105 Main Street, Suite A505, Painesville, OH 44077 at 3:00pm with the pledge of allegiance and roll call. Board members in attendance included Kevin Freese, Nate Hicks, Bill Martin, John Rampe (Secretary), Wally Siegel, Jim Struna, John Uhran (Vice-chair) and Ronald Wassum.

Others in attendance: David Anderson, Patty Fulop, Myranda Keister, Patrick Mohorcic, Bridey Matheney, Chad Felton, Tim & Sherry Niederkorn and Jim Sferra.

Approval of Minutes: The members of the board were provided with electronic copies of the minutes from the May 24, 2023 meeting in advance. A motion was made by Mr. Struna and seconded by Mr. Freese to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved with an 8-0 vote. Mr. Siegel abstained.

Reports and Communications of Officers and Committees:

Chairman's Report – Visitor's Bureau sent out a questioner, we will forward if you did not receive it. He also noted the grant given to the History Museum for the Mentor Marsh.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Anderson let the board know Senator Cirino was able to get \$3.5 million for the Mentor Harbor on the last budget cycle. In the current cycle, Mr. Callender also assigned \$3.5 million to the House budget. When the House budget reached the Senate, it was heavily laden with capital projects. All those projects were removed and a fund established for capital projects. We will have to try again next year once the window opens to obtain those funds. The dredging at Fairport Harbor is ongoing. They are now getting up to the river. Materials have not been deposited into the dredge facility because it is sand and the Army Corps. allows a near shore dumping to keep the sand moving down the lake. As they get into the river, they will deposit into the facility. Mr. Wassum asked if we have access to view the process. Mr. Anderson said we can arrange that, but be prepared to clean your car afterward.

Public Comments: None. Tim & Sherry Niederkorn introduced themselves and were here to see a board meeting.

Economic Development:

Public Finance & Chief Financial Officer – Mr. Mohorcic, Director of Public Finance and CFO reported that we started our audit on May 31. The LDA will have a single audit to accommodate our first federal audit which is required if you receive more than \$750,000 in a single year. The Chagrin Riverwalk rebuild is ready to move on, we did the last draw on the existing loan this month and we will most likely have for a second issuance that will need board action. We are looking to do a cooperative agreement for TIF projects with the Cleveland Port Authority. We had our kick off meeting for the Grand Riverwalk

project, we are working through the documents and expect a closing in August. There are two resolutions on the agenda today for change orders for the dredge facility for a reallocation of funds for phase two for improvements to the driveway, hoop hose, storage bins and vegetation stabilization. We will non-perform the dust control system; the bids were too high. Kurtz believes they can self-perform as needed.

Lake County Executive Airport – Mrs. Fulop, Airport Manager, provided the board with an update on our FAA projects which she went into in depth in a power point presentation. The terminal building committee had a virtual meeting to view the progress to date and made some additional changes in the layout. The architectural team will present again on July 11, make any needed adjustments, and show the designs to the entire board at the July meeting. Mr. Martin requested an email with PDF's and the perception of instructions going forward as soon as possible. Patty expected them by Friday. We applied to ODOT for our 2024 project for an upgrade to our PAPI lights which if selected will free up some BIL funds. We have been allocated just under \$600,000 so far and expect to have about \$1 million in BIL funds eventually available which has been somewhat slated for a snow removal equipment building and more ramp space. We received the notice from the FAA that will release the airport from their responsibilities to maintain the soccer field as airport use, which will allow us to continue to lease as a non-airport use. Mrs. Fulop is also working on getting presenters for the science angle for our solar eclipse watch party. There are two resolutions on the agenda today. One is to allow Mr. Anderson to enter into contracts with the low bidders from our bid openings. Finally, the other resolution is to decommission our Non-Directional Beacon (NDB). It is no longer used, not taught at the flight schools, obsolete and not part of FAA's next generation approaches at airports. John Uhran asked about other development property and Mrs. Fulop showed him the 8-acres to the north. Mr. Anderson added that that property is listed as aviation or non-aviation use, however we received word from the FAA since we have extended the taxiway to reach the area, they would not support non-aviation use. Mr. Freese commended Mrs. Fulop for providing the project presentation stating that it makes the board decisions easy to make.

Coastal Development – Miss Keister, Director of Planning and Development reported that she is working through the Fairport and Mentor Harbor projects. They had a meeting this month with MSA and the local team and have determined a rough estimate for phase 1 of \$13 million which includes parking, breakwater, boat launch, and utilities. We have enough for the breakwater and are going ahead with permitting and are continuing to move forward. We were sorry to see \$3.5 million off the table for this year, but are hopeful to get that next year for Mentor Harbor. Mannik & Smith have been moving ahead with permitting and we are looking to get final design in October. This week we are submitting properties in Lake County to JobsOhio for Site Ohio Authentication. We are submitting properties to see if JobsOhio to put marketing and potential due diligence money in some of our purses in Lake County. That goes in this week.

Other Economic Development Business: None

Resolutions and Motions:

- a. 2023-20: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority Authorizing the Decommissioning of the Non-Directional Beacon (NDB) at the Lake County Executive Airport.

A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve resolution 2023-20 as presented. The motion was approved with a 9-0 vote.

- b. 2023-21: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority Authorizing the Executive Director to Accept the Low Bids and Negotiate, Execute and Deliver Contracts to the Successful Bidders from the FAA FY 2023 Grant Projects. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve resolution 2023-21 as presented. The motion was approved with a 9-0 vote.
- c. 2023-22 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority (LDA) Authorizing a Services Agreement/Change Order with Mannik & Smith Group to perform additional owner representation services for the LDA in support of the Grand River Dredge Reuse Project and Sediment Recycling Facility Construction Phase. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve resolution 2023-22. The motion was approved with a 9-0 vote.
- d. 2023-23 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate, Execute and Deliver a Change Order to Kurtz Bros., Inc. for Construction Services of a Port Authority Sediment Recycling Facility to Receive, Store and Process Dredge Sediment Material from the Grand River in Lake County, Ohio. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve resolution 2023-23 as presented. The motion was approved with a 9-0 vote.

New Business: None

Board Remarks: Mr. Uhran inquired as to if our new nice report to the community has been posted on the web site. Miss Keister thought it should be, but will contact the web host if not and be sure it is posted.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to adjourn the public meeting at 3:46pm. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by:
Patty Fulop
Administrative Assistant