

**Lake Development Authority (LDA)  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chairman, John Uhran, 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 3:04 pm with the pledge of allegiance and roll call. Board members in attendance included Bill Martin, John Rampe, Wally Siegel, Jim Struna, and Ronald Wassum. Kevin Freese, Nate Hicks and Art Lindrose were absent.

**Others in attendance:** David Anderson, Patty Fulop, Myranda Keister, Patrick Mohorcic, and Brandon Dynes.

**Approval of Minutes:** The members of the board were provided with electronic copies of the minutes from the August 23, 2023 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 a 6-0 vote.

**Reports and Communications of Officers and Committees:**

Chairman's Report – Mr. Lindrose was absent.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Anderson shared an informational packet that is available to board members and the public that explains the roles played by the LDA and the FAA in airport and air traffic management. The packet also outlines how air traffic complaints can be filed with the Flight Standards District Office for Cleveland.

**Public Comments:** None

**Economic Development:**

Public Finance & Chief Financial Officer – Mr. Mohorcic, Director of Public Finance and CFO reported that we have completed our first Federal Audit and received a clean audit. There will be one note to the audit in reference to the conversion of our pension liability being recorded incorrect by our CPA. We have had a couple conversations on our Capital Lease program. We are doing our final due diligence on 605 Bank Street and Dalamar. Patrick commented that the driveway is finished at the Dredge Facility and trail construction has begun. We are going to do a public outreach video on the construction. No budget items or appropriations on the agenda today.

Lake County Executive Airport – Mrs. Fulop, Airport Manager, updated the board that we received two FAA grants one for the Taxiway A shift and pavement removal on the south end of the airport and one for hangar development area improvements on the north end of the airport. There is a resolution on the agenda today to accept those two grants and appropriate our grant match. There is a second resolution on the agenda today to apply to ODOT office of aviation to fund half of our match on all three FAA projects we have received in 2023. Our grant match is 10%, and ODOT will pay 5%. In essence for 5% of the project cost, we will be able to get approximately \$4.5 million in projects

completed. The window has opened to apply for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Airport Terminal Program Grant. I have it complete and Dave, Patrick, Myranda and Don Yager have all reviewed. The final step will be to consolidate all comments and send to Nate's son, Ethan Hicks, a major in political science at Princeton for a review. Mr. Anderson commented on the difficulty of relating the project to assisting historically disadvantaged populations, climate change and creating good paying jobs as the application requires, but felt that Mrs. Fulop did a good job. Mrs. Fulop reported that we will be going out to bid early spring for the PAPI lighting project and to re-bid the runway rehabilitation project for runway 5/23. We will also be looking to apply for an FAA grant for a drainage study in 2024. The final resolution on the agenda today is a requirement to be eligible to take FAA funding and that is to revise our Airport Layout Plan and have it approved by FAA. Mrs. Fulop went over the basic changes made to the previous ALP. Mr. Rampe questioned the removal of pavement on the ALP. Mrs. Fulop explained that the FAA has developed designs at airports and they require unused pavement to be pulled up to meet those standards. We will be removing pavement at the south end of runway 5/23 that is being replaced by the Taxiway A shift. Other pavement removal shown on the ALP may be done as part of future projects. Mrs. Fulop updated the board on the Solar Eclipse watch party and expressed an interest in obtaining assistance from current or retired science teachers.

Coastal Development – Miss Keister, Director of Planning and Development reported that she has one resolution on the agenda today to approve change order 3 for MDA's engineering contract to add engineering, permitting and bid documents for just breakwater at Fairport Harbor Transient Marina. We are doing the project in phases, so there was an initial contract in 2021 and a recent change order that reduced the contract to what was actually spent and now we are adding the rest of the engineering budget bringing the total to \$501,175.97. We have a total of \$600,000.00 available for the project, so we are still on budget. We are teaming up with ODNR for a proposal for the State Capital fund for an ask of \$8 million for the project and are expecting more submittal information in October. For Mentor Harbor, the required mussel survey was completed and there were no mussels found as we expected, so we are continuing with engineering and permitting for the channel walls. We are hoping to get someone from the permitting agency on site to rebuff the old 50-year average data they are currently using. Miss Keister remarked that she is working with Dave Radachy from Lake County Planning and Community Development for the Grand River Project along with the Village Council and will be attending a meeting next week to discuss the project. Mr. Wassum asked how realistic the project is, given the number of times Grand River has previously discussed. Miss Keister felt positive since the former Mayor of Grand River was not in favor and the new Mayor to be elected in November (running unopposed) is a supporter. Council recently adopted the earlier plans and are looking for funding options. Mr. Uhran asked if there are plans to work with the Visitor's Bureau and Miss Keister replied that they are working with planning and LDA right now to work out technicalities, but we will be assisting them to move in that direction at the appropriate time. Miss Keister has been nominated for the NOACA board so she will be looking into possible funding avenues.

**Other Economic Development Business:** Mr. Dynes briefed the board on the Kennedy Parkway matter stating that mediation was not successful and the Kennedy group is challenging the eminent domain action. At this time, we will be trying the case on whether we have the right to take the property and not yet on the damages.

**Resolutions and Motions:**

- a. 2023-31: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute and Enter into Two Grant Agreements with the United States of America Acting Through the Federal Aviation Administration for the Airport Improvement Program Grant Numbers FAA AIP 3-39-0090-025-2023 and FAA AIP 3-39-0090-026-2023 for the Lake County Executive Airport and further appropriating grant match funds. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve resolution 2023-31 as presented. The motion was approved with a 6-0 vote.
- b. 2023-32: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute and Deliver Three Grant Applications to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, as part of the FY 2024 Matching Grant Program and Further to Accept and Execute the Grant Agreements as Approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve resolution 2023-32 as presented. The motion was approved with a 6-0 vote.
- c. 2023-33: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Services Agreement Change Order with MSA Professional Services, Inc. to Perform Additional Design Consultation and Owner Representation Services for the Lake Development Authority in Support of a Transient Marina in Fairport Harbor. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve resolution 2023-33 as presented. The motion was approved with a 6-0 vote.
- d. 2023-34: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority Approving and Adopting a Revised Airport Layout Plan for the Lake County Executive Airport. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve resolution 2023-34 as presented. The motion was approved with a 6-0 vote.

**New Business:** None

**Board Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to adjourn the public meeting at 3:32 pm. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Patty Fulop  
Administrative Assistant