

**Lake Development Authority (LDA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 25, 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 3:03pm with the pledge of allegiance and roll call. Board members in attendance included Kevin Freese, Nate Hicks, Bill Martin, John Rampe (Secretary), Jim Struna, John Uhran (Vice-chair) and Ronald Wassum. Wally Siegel was absent.

Others in attendance: David Anderson, Patty Fulop, Myranda Keister, Patrick Mohorcic, Brandon Dynes, Chad Felton and Michael Semick.

Approval of Minutes: The members of the board were provided with electronic copies of the minutes from the September 27, 2023 meeting in advance. A motion was made by Mr. Struna and seconded by Mr. Wassum to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote. Mr. Lindrose abstained.

Reports and Communications of Officers and Committees:

Chairman's Report – Mr. Lindrose had no report.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Anderson reported that next week he will be the keynote speaker at the Fast Track 50 dinner at LaMalfa, so he will have an opportunity to tell the LDA story to business people that have not heard it before.

Public Comments: None

Economic Development:

Public Finance & Chief Financial Officer – Mr. Mohorcic, Director of Public Finance and CFO reported that Mike Matas, the County Finance Director, has left. With that change, the county has asked for a budget by the 1st of December. Mr. Mohorcic will not have time to meet with each board member prior to approval at our next meeting. It will be roughly the same budget as last year, except he and Patty will work out the FAA grant match estimates.

Lake County Executive Airport – Mrs. Fulop, Airport Manager, announced that we have finally closed out our 2021 FAA grant. She gave a quick update on the contracts for the 2023 FAA grants awarded on the project resolutions last month. The Terminal Grant Application was submitted and it went in a couple weeks early. Mrs. Fulop understands that they are time stamped at submission and that is part of the granting process. The ATP committee has given a final notification date of June 30, 2024, however requested a time table for our project and we submitted the desire to be informed by the end of February so we can finalize the design and bid package for bids in April. Both Congressman Joyce and Senator Brown submitted letters of support. Mr. Lindrose asked about the likelihood that we could hear back in

February and Mrs. Fulop replied that she is hopeful. Mr. Yager and Patty are working on the 2024-2034 Airport Construction Improvement Plan and being very aggressive. A meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday with the FAA to review. We expect to go back out to bid for the RWY 5/23 rehabilitation project. She has a drainage study and wetland delineation project plus a couple design projects for RWY 10/28 and a couple projects funded by ODOT. Mr. Lindrose remembered that we did not get sufficient bids for the project because of the timing in the year. Mrs. Fulop agreed and stated this was the most significant item she was told by contractors that picked up bid packets, but did not submit. The FAA dragged their feet in approving our bid package. We were ready to go to bid in April, but we did not end up going to bid until the end of June. By that time, contractors were backed up, had employee issues and already had sufficient projects for the year. We received only one bid and it was from a contractor that has never worked at an airport or on a runway and was 58% higher than the engineers estimate. We could not accept it. Matching grant applications will be submitted to ODOT for the 5% allowable match on our accepted FAA grants. We are continuing with a watch party for the solar eclipse. Tim and Suzanne Cahill have agreed to be Ambassadors for us and will be attending training at the Great Lakes Science Center on November 15th. Patty continues to arrange for food trucks, presenters, and parking shuttles.

Coastal Development – Miss Keister, Director of Planning and Development reported on the Fairport Harbor project which moved forward with MSA for the surveys and the contract for the breakwater permit. For Mentor Harbor, we are working on the budget and are over budget so getting very detailed on design estimates and what we can get done within our budget and are still on track for the July 2024 bid/construction time frame. Ms. Keister is also working on the first \$3 million contract and should have a resolution in the next month or two to accept. The second \$3.5 million is through the City of Mentor and we are still working through the logistics. Myranda met with some Grand River council people and they are still looking at zoning and other possibilities. They are making changes on the original TLCI design and she is encouraging them to figure that out as a group so we can get moving on potential grants.

Other Economic Development Business: None

Resolutions and Motions: None

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. Struna and seconded by Mr. Wassum to enter into executive session at 3:16pm. 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.

Attorney, Brandon Dynes, discussed with the board the change in opposition counsel and the options going forward with the court action taken against the Kennedy Group. Mr. Freese left at 4:51pm

- b. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Wassum to return to the public meeting at 4:52pm. Chairman Lindrose requested a roll call vote and the result was 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 a 7-0 vote. The board returned to the public meeting.

Board Remarks: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Struna and seconded by Mr. Wassum to adjourn the public meeting at 4:53pm. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by:
Patty Fulop
Administrative Assistant